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Miss Clipper's Anecdotes, Personalities and Comments, CONCERNING STAGE FOLK and Sometimes OTHERS

BY JOSEPHINE GRO.

Though a certain prejudice against player people—personally, not professionally—has existed from the earliest times up to the present, it has now almost disappeared except with those who lack the true appreciation of the player and his art. Chief among these latter are the country people, credulous because of infrequent contact with theatrical folk, which a city affords. These people hear stories of the members of the dramatic profession usually to the discredit of the latter, personally, though they pay their money to see them professionally.

The questionable estimation in which the profession is held was quaintly expressed by a countryman recently, and of a road company, some of the members of which are most certainly representative among those standing high in the profession.

It was the company of Joseph Jefferson Jr., who shines not alone by his own light, but has the additional radiance reflected from that brilliant star, his father. He was touring the West in one of the elder Jefferson plays, one of the States being Michigan. A few stations beyond Kalamazoo, where they were to play an engagement, an elderly country couple boarded the train. The players immediately became a source of interest to the old couple, who discussed them audibly, after the manner of their ingenuous kind.

Arriving at their destination, Kalamazoo, where they were to stay at the best hotel, which was near the station, the old man observed that the Jefferson company was also bound for the same, which seemed to him a matter of surprise.

"Say, mother," drawled he, in the hearing of the manager, "don't you think that this hotel is almost too respectable to keep troopers?"

Prominent among women press representatives is Idah McGlone Gibson, who is at present "ahead" of the Willie Collier company, now on tour, after a New York run of several weeks.

Mrs. Gibson is the "agent" in all his several capacities. She arranges the transportation with the railroad companies, the transferring of baggage, the accommodations at hotels, lays out the "paper," does all the press work, which in her case is no inconsiderable amount, for this busy woman obtains a great deal of space in the columns of the newspapers and magazines.

Last season, in addition to her press work she gave advertising lectures a week ahead of the star, Rebecca Warren, who was being exploited in "East Lynne" by Frank Burt, a prominent Toledo proprietor of theatres. During her travels many of Mrs. Gibson's experiences in some of the towns were amusing, and a few rather trying.

One of the towns was under a "prohibition" regime; however, this fact mattered not to Mrs. Gibson. The proprietor of the hotel was apparently proud of the prohibitive

character of his town, and on all occasions sought to impress, by example and precept, the clean condition of the character and morals of his place.

"Will you please have the porter bring me a fresh drink of water?"
"There's the water over there in the cooler, lady—you can help yourself."

At this point Mrs. Gibson quickly waived her wish for a drink, and proceeded to identify herself before she should be refused the hospitality of the place on account of asking for bottled goods.

John J. Farrell, leading man of the Memphis Stock Company, has a host of friends and admirers in that city. Among them are several typical Southern gentlemen, some of whom yet have a prejudice to references to the slavery question.

Farrell was rehearsing, in his room at the hotel, his role for the forthcoming production of "The Dairy Farm." He was shouting a political speech of a nature displeasing to a Southerner, giving it the necessary inflections calculated to win applause.

It reads: "Why does slavery exist? Because of the greed and cowardice of our Southern brethren—greed which makes them barter bodies and souls!"

Farrell was going over it at the top of his voice for the seventh time, when a heavy knock fell upon the door. Hastening to open it he found the caller to be the occupant of a nearby room—a Southern colonel, who had been a member of congress.

"I like yuh, Mistah Fahr'l—like yuh vevy much, but those words I heah—"

"Oh," broke in Farrell, "they're a part of my speech in next week's play." Then, being struck by the significance of the colonel's call, he exclaimed: "but perhaps I'd better not speak them."

"Well," drawled the colonel, with true Southern accent, his hand meaningfully placed upon his hip pocket, "as I said befo', I like yuh vevy much, Mistah Fahr'l, but I wouldn't advise yuh to."

A colored waiter was put to considerable confusion by Ernest Lamson not long ago. Lamson had been a guest at a hotel for several days, and as his fully occupied time necessitated quick service he was much annoyed at the forgetfulness of that colored person, who, if he remembered two out of five dishes in an order, was doing well. When reminded of the article yet to be served, he invariably, as an excuse, answered:

"Yes, Suh—it's jus' on de fiah!" by which he meant that it was cooking, but not quite ready to be served.

One day, as usual, two or three ordered dishes were absent when Sambo served the actor's dinner. The latter impatiently asked for them, receiving the usual reply: "Jus' on de fiah!" An instant later he said quickly:

"Where's that ice cream I ordered?"

"Jus' on de fiah, Suh," said Sambo, but immediately afterwards perceived that he had been led to make the ridiculous reply. It was the last time, however, that he made use of that excuse for his forgetfulness during the rest of Lamson's stay there.

A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING.

YOUNG MOTHER.—"What will you charge for a photograph of our little boy?"

PHOTOGRAPHER.—"Three dollars, madam—but it will be considerably cheaper for a dozen."

YOUNG MOTHER.—"A dozen! Oh, no, we can't wait so long"—Lippincott's.



He was at the desk when Mrs. Gibson approached it to make necessary business arrangements for the Rebecca Warren company. She had just come from the train, tired, and with a throat full of train dust. At the opposite end of the office stood an old fashioned water cooler, toward which she turned with the intention of refreshing the inner woman. Before she reached it, how

ever, a big, burly fellow, whose black color proclaimed his race, picked up the cup, taking plenty of time for his long drink of water. Though the thirsty lady has no particular prejudice, she does object to drinking, knowingly, from the same cup immediately after one of his kind.

Turning back to the desk, she said to the stiff-necked proprietor:

Not wishing to antagonize the man for obvious reasons, she replied:

"Oh, I guess I'll select a room and have some sent there,—will you please have a bottle of apollinaris taken up?"

"Bottled Lady, we don't sell nothin' intoxicatin' here, an'," continued he, with a condemnatory expression on his long face, "we don't take in women that ask for it."

Chess.

To Correspondents.

W. H. RIAWEN, Catawissa, Pa.—Thank you for the problem. We have examined the Clippings for 1885, but do not find the game you desire.

W. A. SHINKMAN.—The new problem is very welcome.

H. E. MCGOWAN.—Done with much pleasure.

OMNIBUS GATHERING.—We have addressed all the prize winners in our late tourney, at their former address; if any fail to connect, please give us your present address at once.

GEO. E. CARPENTER.—In these days of sympathy of great problems, "The Ichthyosaurus" will properly reside at the presentation of prize plaques. *Plaudite!*

WM. SCHAFER.—Is your vacation about ended? We desire your opinion of Dr. Galitzky's last 6-move.

BRO. JOHNSTON.—Miron remembers having seen one, if not both of the games you inquire for. If you can give approximately their date, he will look for them.

BRO. KEMENY.—We sincerely deplore the necessity of closing the Am. Ch. Weekly. It was too valuable to lose so summarily.

In Chess Fields.

The Manhattan C. C. is at the fore in domestic chess this week. Herr Mieses played five single-handed match games there vs. Messrs. Ettinger, Roethling, Haid, Finn and Phillips, winning all. Herr M. here resigned an adjourned game with A. W. Fox, of Brooklyn, his only loss in the metropolis.

.....The brilliant German closed his engagement at the M. C. C. with a peripatetic exhibition, Nov. 7, vs. twenty-two players. In about four hours he lost eight games, W. M. De Visser among his victors, and won fourteen. The Manhattan's annual championship tourney is under way, with thirteen entrants: Messrs. Haid, Cass, Belmont, Fitch, Halpern, Hanham, Koch, Limburger, Raubitschek, Roethling, Schweitzer, Slegheim and White. A goodly array. It will probably take seven weeks to complete the schedule. In addition to these good prizes there is to be a fee for each won game. Rah! Maroczy, the magnificent, has entered for the Cambridge Springs International!!

.....The foreign chess press is treating the relative situation of the two American Ch. Congresses for next year with entire candor, and in a genial, chess-like style. It is universally conceded that the C. S. I. Congress will be a most efficient supporter, buttress, as it were, of the 7th Am. Ch. Congress at St. Louis, a few months later. Each will work in harmony along its prescribed lines, aiding and completing the success of the other. A fourth Monte Carlo Tournament is assured for Feb. next. It will materially differ in its organization from its predecessors, as eight masters, at most, will be invited. The management has caught on to the American idea to some purpose. The traveling expenses of the invitees to and from the congress, and the cost of living at Monte Carlo during play, will be paid by the management. 5,000 francs will be devoted to prizes, and a grand trophy is to be provided, to become the personal property of him who twice wins the 1st prize in these annual tourneys. Then there is to be a supplementary tourney devoted to the Rice Gambit, Professor R. furnishing the prizes. The projected match for the championship of the world, E. Lasker vs. Dr. Tarrasch, is definitely arranged to be played in the Fall of 1904.

Fox vs. Mieses.

The greatest local personal interest just now centres in the victories of young A. W. Fox. His latest—*Engle*.

GIUOCO SICILIANO.

Herr Mieses. Mr. Fox. Herr Mieses. Mr. Fox.
1. P to K4 P to K4 22. Q to her 2 R to Kt2
2. Q Kt-B3 Q Kt-B3 23. P-K5 (P) Q P x P
3. K Kt-K2 Kt-B3 24. R x Kt K x R
4. P-Q3 P-Q3 25. P x P+ K-his 2
5. P-Kt3 P-Kt3 26. K-his 3
6. B Kt2 B Kt2 27. B x B Q x B+
7. Castles Castles 28. Q Kt-K4 Q her 4
8. P-B4 B-Q2 29. K Kt-B3 Q K P
9. P-KR3 Kt-Ksq 30. Q-K3 P-Q Kt3
10. P-B5 P-B5 31. K Kt-K15 Q-Q KtP
11. P x KtP B x P 32. K Kt-B3 Kt-K4
12. KR x R K x R 33. Kt-K2 Kt-B6 (P)
13. B-K3 Q Kt3 34. Q Kt-B3 P-KR3
14. Q her 2 Kt-B3 35. Kt-Q5+ K-Q2
15. R-KBsq Kt-B3 36. Q Kt-B4 Q-Kt8+
16. Q-B6 Q-B6 37. K Kt-B3 Kt-K4
17. Q-B4 K-B4 38. K Kt-B3 Q-E7+
18. Q x B P-B6+ 39. K-Rsq Q-KB4
19. K-Rsq BP x P 40. Q her 4+ R-Bsq
20. BP x P Kt-K4 41. P-KR4 R-Bsq
21. P-Q Kt-R2 as P to K4 is fatal.
17. Begins a faulty combination; probably overlooking Black's 25. K to his 2.

(a) "Pretty, but useless."—We should have been glad to see the invited variation—Q Kt-Kt.

(b) Anticipating 34. Q to her 3, Q to R 8 ch; 35. K to Kt 2, Q to B 8 ch; 36. K tks Q, Kt to K 4 ch.

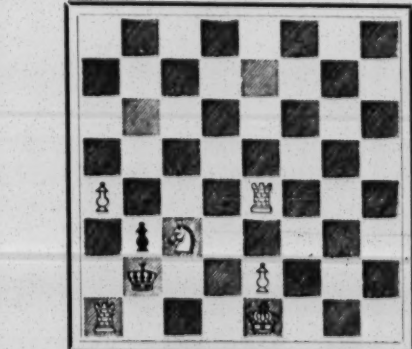
Enigma No. 2,445.

From La Strategie.
1st Prize ex aequo in Wedrovice Tourney.
BY EMILE PRADIGNAT.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Problem No. 2,445.

BY W. H. RIAWEN
BLACK.



Game No. 2,445.

The "REST GAME" of our late tourney, winning the \$25 prize, which, however, as the

game was drawn, was properly, we think, divided *ex aequo* between the players—Nelson Hald, Danneberg, Neb., and C. S. Howell, Brooklyn, who will accept our congratulations for their splendid battle.

CHARLICK COUNTER GAMBIT.

White. Black. White. Black.
Mr. Hald. Mr. Howell. Mr. Hald. Mr. Howell.
1. P to Q4 P to Q4 22. P to Q5 Kt to Kt4
2. P-Q4 P-K4 23. Q-R5 Kt-Q4
3. Q-P x P P-Q5 24. R-Q6 Kt-B4
4. K Kt-B3 Q Kt-B3 25. R-Q6 Kt-B4
5. Q Kt-Q2 Q Kt-B3 26. P-Q Kt4 P-KR4 (P)
6. Kt-his 3 B Kt5+ 27. K-Qsq K-his 2
7. B-Q2 K-B-K2 28. K-his 2 K-his 2
8. Q-E2 Kt-his 5 29. R-Q6+ Kt x R
9. Q-B x Kt B x B+ 30. K-P x Kt Kt-P x P
10. K Kt Q2 Kt-K2 31. Kt-P x P P-KB3 (P)
11. Castles Q her 2 32. K x P P-KR4
12. P-Q R3 B x A+ 33. P-Q4 B-QR4 (P)
13. Q-R x B Kt B3 34. P-K B5 K-K+
14. P-KR4 B-B4 35. K-B3 K-B3 (P)
15. P-K4 P x P 36. P-KR3 Q-R Kt sq
16. Q-R x Q Q-B x Q 37. R-B3 Kt-Kt
17. R x Q Q-B x Q 38. R-Kt4 K-R5
18. R x QBP Kt-Q5 39. Kt B sq K-RK8 (P)
19. B-Q5 B x B 40. Kt-his 4 K-B8+
20. Kt x B P-Q Kt3 41. K-Kt2 (P) and the
21. R-Ksq K-RBsq game was drawn.

(1) Black, who is playing for a draw, just gets time for these necessary moves, blocking out certain dangerous threats.

(a) It was necessary for Black to get both Rooks through to accomplish his draw, and he has this advantage—White cannot take the Q Kt file first, as Black simply opposes with R, and if White exchanges, Black has a certain draw, chess-wise.

(b) The position is curious. By this move White signifies his willingness to draw; if he tries to escape he loses, e. g.: If 41. K to K3 Kt to K8+ 42. K to B2 (P) R to R5! 42. K-Q3 (P) Q-R5 43. Kt-R5 K-Q2 etc.

(c) Or if 43. K to B4, B to K 5 ch, etc.

(1) 42. K to Q4 (P) Q-R+ 43. P to B6+ K to Qsq
43. R-Q3 R x R+ 44. K-B4 R x Kt+
44. K x QR R-KR8 45. K x R P-R6
45. Kt-Q4+ K-Q2 46. K-Q5 P-R7
46. K-B4 R x RP 47. K-his 6 P-Queens
47. K-Q5 R-Q6 48. P-K7+ K-B, wins

The Mieses Brilliant.

The following game, for which we are indebted to the special kindness of Dr. Helms, is accounted the most brilliant of Herr M.'s many triumphs in the metropolis.

DANISH GAMBIT.

White. Black. White. Black.
J. Mieses. P. Finn. J. Mieses. P. Finn.
1. P to K4 P to K4 2. Kt to K6+ K to Kt sq
2. P-Q4 K P x P 3. R x Q+ Q-R x R
3. P-Q3 K P x P 4. Kt x P K-Rsq
4. K-B4 P-B7 5. Q her B4 P-Kt4
5. Q x BP Q Kt-B3 6. Q her 5 R-KBsq
6. Kt-B3 Kt-B3 7. At x Pd+ K-Kt2
7. Kt-B3 P-Q3 8. Kt-K6 K-Kt3
8. Q-B Kt5 B-K2 9. Kt x P P-B
9. Castle, QR Q-B-Kt5 10. Q x Kt P-B Kt4+
10. K P x Kt Kt x P 11. K-B2 R-Qsq
12. Kt x P B P x B 13. Q x QR P-Q7+
13. Q-B5 Kt-K4 14. K-B3 K-R7
14. K-R-Ksq 15. P-K4 B-his 3+
15. Kt-Q5 Kt-K4 16. K-R3 R-Kt7
16. K-R x Kt Q P x R 17. K-Kt3, and Black re-
18. At x QBP K-B3 signs.

Solutions.

Of Enigma 2,440. Part I. Checkmate's corrected position: R to R3. K to B3; 2. Kt to R7. K to Kt2; 3. Kt to B8 etc.; if Black 1. K to B5; 2. B to B5, K to Kt4; 3. R to Kt3 ch, etc.

PART II.

1. K to B8 P to Q4 4. K to Kt6 K to Q3.
2. P x P K-B4 5. B-R6 K moves
3. K-B7 K-his 4. B mates. The point is here in a fine 6. problem without a ch. until mate.

We have not received solutions to Nos. 2,441; nor have we heard that Mr. Phelps has had any.

Checkers.

To Correspondents.

MR. LANG.—Have written you.
DR. SCHAFER.—Are more than pleased at your promptness.

W. SEWARD.—Your letter is all right.

Solution of Position No. 38, Vol. 51.

BY W. SEWARD, NEW YORK.

Black 1 8 10 14 18 20

White 17 19 21 25 27 28

Black to play and draw.

1 5 8 12 15 18 23 15 29

10 16 (a) 16 11 17 27 28 Drawn.

(a)

17 13 18 23 13 9 27 31 2 7

8 12 27 9 20 27 6 2 27 23

28 24 5 14 9 6 31 27 Drawn.

Position No. 39, Vol. 51.

END GAME BY A NEW YORK AMATEUR.

Black 6 13 21 23 K29

Game No. 39, Vol. 51.

LAIRD AND LADY.

Some nice play by Thos. Cowie, Liverpool.

11 15 17 21 1 6 17 22 10 15

23 19 28 24 32 28 24 13 9

8 11 6 10 3 7 22 25 16 19

25 13 15 22 12 16 23 20 9 6

17 14 20 22 23 16 26 22 3 8

10 17 10 17 7 10 30 26 21 25

21 14 22 13 16 7 22 17 6 2

15 18 7 10 2 11 26 23 25 30

26 23 23 18 24 19 18 14 2 6

4 8 10 14 8 12 23 16 28 24

24 20 18 9 26 22 14 7 6 10

13 17 5 14 14 17 6 10 24 19

31 26 27 23 22 18 7 3 10 14

Drawn.—H. W. Kay.

(b)

26 22 22 18 26 22 23 16 12 3

14 17 6 9 17 26 25 30 Black

30 26 (b) 13 6 19 16 16 12 wins.

21 25 2 9 12 19 30 25 Ballant.

Ballant.

(c)

22 18 30 26 23 16 16 12 (d) 3 10

26 9 21 25 30 (c) 30 25 22 6

13 6 19 16 26 22 12 3 Black

2 9 12 19 17 26 25 22 wins.

Ballant.

(d)

8 12 30 25 17 26 12 19 10 7

24 19 26 22 19 15 15 8 Drawn.

T. Cowie.

(e)

18 14 16 12 12 3 7 T. Cowie.

9 18 11 15 7 10 Drawn.

News of the Game.

We note with much pleasure that our old

friend, Lyman M. Stearns, of West Derry,

N. H., has entered the field of checkers again.

It is a long time since he retired for a rest. That time is now up, and he says in *The Magnet* the checker page under his conducting will be a rouser. It is the same old story exemplified, of returning to first love. Bro. Stearns has prospered in this world, in advancing step by step from one position of trust to another of more weight, and we are very much pleased to learn of his re-entry into the field of checkers. *The Aberdeen Free Press* says: "In J. C. S. Abbott's life of Dr. Franklin the following passage, relative to our game, occurs, and considering the calibre of the man it is very valuable testimony to the inherent virtue of the game. As usual, Franklin kept a diary punctually during his long voyage. Its pages were replete with pithy remarks of wit and wisdom. He was very fond of the game of checkers, and in that amusement beguiled many weary hours. We find the following striking comment upon the diversion in his journal. 'It is a game I much delight in, but it requires a clear head and undisturbed. The persons playing, if they would play well, ought not much to regard the consequences of the game, for that diverts and withdraws the mind from the game itself, and makes the player liable to make false moves, which will venture to lay it down as for an infallible rule that if two persons equal in judgment play for a considerable sum he that loves the money most shall lose. His anxiety for the success of the game confounds him. Courage is almost as requisite for the good conduct of this game as in real battle; for, if the player imagines himself opposed by one that is much his superior in skill, his mind is so intent on the defensive part that an advantage passes unobserved.'"

to his house without his "glad rags." It demonstrates that there is a dire necessity for the suspension of the evening-dress tradition. Yet another instance is the accommodation Arthur Collins is hoping to arrange for his pit and gallery clients. Already he has provided for them a Winter garden adorned with priceless exotics. In addition to this he proposes to add an orchestra—or a green, blue, or other colored Hungarian band—to discourse "Saye Awy," or other current popular songs while awaiting the opening of the doors.

Ellen Terry is to appear at the Camden this week and at the Coronet the week after, where, in addition to her Shakespearean revivals, she may, perhaps, present her latest production, *Clothes*, new fantastic comedy in rhyme, "The Mistress of the Robes."

The afternoon of Dec. 23 has now been fixed upon for the first performance of "Little Hans Anderson," the Christmas play written by Basil Hood, and with music by Walter Slaughter, which is to be run at a series of matinees during the Christmas season.

F. Kinsey Pelle has written a new modern play, which he has called "The Wash Tub," which may be produced in the near future in the West End.

Hett Ray is responsible for a new four act melodrama which is to be produced in town next month preparatory to going on tour. It is called "The Yellow Dread," but no reference to a well known morning paper.

"Dolly Varden" came to a premature end on Saturday night. The house was an unfortunate selection, as the Avenue is now known as "Seagull Point," from its comparative distance from the centre of civilization and its close proximity to the inhospitable shores

of a pair of lovers, who, by the way, reached the matrimonial stage, as does also the charming widow, impersonated by Mrs. Kendal, who throughout plays the character of the good genius to every one concerned.

A new play, written by Lady Troubridge, called "The Beautiful Mrs. Oakleigh," is to be put to proof by May Pardee at a West End house at the end of the month.

The O. P. Club has passed a resolution to the effect "that the average length of a theatrical performance should not exceed three hours, and that, as a general rule, the curtain should rise not later than eight o'clock, and fall not later than eleven o'clock."

Several circumstances have occurred within the past week or so which go to prove how theatrical managers realize that they are losing their hold on theatregoers. More especially is this the case in the provinces, where the halls are even a more serious rival to the theatres than in the metropolis. Nevertheless, the theatre manager cannot really and seriously think that they will increase their business by destroying that of the music halls. If their contention of the reading of the Act of Parliament be right—and many think it is—it will be the end of the halls, as an enormous percentage of them cannot live without sketches. Practically what the theatre managers say is: "If we cannot do ourselves any good, we'll do you some harm." They would do much better if they would try and offer the same facilities and comforts to their patrons as they can find at the rival establishments. Of course, there is always a question of refreshments in the auditorium, which is by no means so serious, as evidenced by the success of the Palace and the numerous enforced temperance music halls, but the advantage of being allowed to smoke is an enormous pull in favor of the halls. There is absolutely no reason, so far as the official permission is concerned, why smoking should not be permitted in the theatre if it is allowed in the halls. Perhaps some day some one will try the experiment of a smoking theatre, if only the lord chamberlain could see his way to alter his wholly untenable and most unjust non-smoking clause, which is simply an endorsement, and is not to be found in the Act of Parliament.

On Monday next Philip Yorke will add to his Tivoli programme a dramatic monologue, entitled "Sydney Carton," founded on incidents taken from Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities*, in which Bramley Williams, who has written and arranged the monologue, will appear. Owing to the continued success of "O' Mats San," at the Tivoli, Philip Morin will continue her performance for two weeks longer, and Eleanor La Salle, a young American actress, who has signed a contract with Harry Randall for Drury Lane, but legal proceedings have been commenced by Mr. Saunders on account of a previous engagement.

Arthur J. Barclay has been appointed manager of the New Walthamstow Palace, which is expected to be ready for opening at Christmas. Mr. Barclay was for some time manager of the Granville.

Friends of Maurice de Freece, so long associated with Messrs. Warrington, will be pleased to hear that that esteemed gentleman has passed safely through a dangerous operation, and is now progressing very favorably at the Gordon Hospital, Vauxhall Bridge Road.

The Grand Order of Water Rats will give their third annual matinee at the London Pavilion on Monday next, when a very strong programme has been arranged.

The Harmony Four opened this week at the Holloway Empire. This is their first European appearance, and they scored an undoubted hit. The act is excellently adapted to English audiences, and both their comedy and good singing were much appreciated. Should they desire to remain in England—despite the fact that furs are becoming rather a drug on the market—they have no doubt they could prolong their present engagement indefinitely.

Rafford and Winchester are on the same bill. Their work is considerably improved in the quality of their juggling, and their comedy is quite as funny as ever.

Will H. Fox is back in London again, this week displaying his talents to the patrons of the Shepherd's Bush Empire.

Healey and Meely were in London this week on their way to the Continent. Seymour and Dupre are also in London, awaiting their opening next week at the Hippodrome, Brighton. This act is already well and favorably known on this side.

The headliners at the big London houses this week are American. They scored a double hit. The variety bill at the Hippodrome, Wilson and Waring head the specialties at the Empire, and the other houses have all their full complement of Yankee acts.

Owing to the death of Captain Woodward I hear that his personal seals and sealions are to be put on the market.

Houdini is this week at the Pavilion, Leicester. He created a sensation by breaking out of an historic jail in which Oliver Cromwell confined his prisoners.

Brien and Buckley head the bill at the Palace, Southampton.

The Chamberlains open on the Moss tour at Birmingham on Nov. 30.

Barton and Ashley return to London next week, having completed an exceedingly successful provincial tour, which they enjoyed the distinction of topping every bill on which they played.

Harry A. Hurst has parted from the Robinson-Baker Trio, and, in conjunction with Lillian Edwards, is preparing a novelty athletic act for himself. As Hurst is a wonderfully fast athlete and a jumper of extraordinary power, he should do well.

Johnson and Dean write from Leipzig that they are meeting with their usual success on the Continent.

The Young American Quintette have arrived in London, to take up their English dates. They were Bureau callers this week. The Hoopers are featured at Mellini's Theatre, Hanover. They have not an open date until the middle of 1905.

The Two Bees, with a scenic set more beautiful than is usually found in the vaudeville houses over here, are singing "Hawatha." There seems to be a dispute as to the possession of the English rights of the song, and I now notice that the Bees, while retaining the original music, are publishing it with a new set of words.

—A correspondent writes: "The 'Was She to Blame?' Co., No. 1 (Southern), met with a severe railroad accident while on their way from Versailles, Mo., to Tippecanoe, Mo. Owing to a defective switch the train ran off the track and the car in which the company was turned completely over and caught fire. Among the injured were: Agnes Marion Stutz, hurt about the back and side; (C) Olin, leg cut in two places; Beatrice Gordon, right hand sprained."

It Saves a Day.
"The 20th Century Limited," via New York Central and Lake Shore, leaves New York 2:45 P. M., arrives Chicago 9:45 next morning—*Ado*.



HUBER and KING.

J. H. King, formerly of McMahon and King, is considered one of the best wench performers before the public. Fred J. Huber, formerly of Swift and Huber, is a well known all around performer. They have introduced something in black face comedy, "A Polka Debate," which fairly arises with the principal ends with Wm. H. West's Minstrel Jubilee. They are also doing

OUR LONDON LETTER.

Charles Wyndham and Mary Moore have been commanded to give a State performance of "David Garrick" at Windsor Castle, 19, on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen of Italy. Sir Charles, on Monday, had the honor of submitting the new scenery, which has been in course of preparation during the last three weeks, to the inspection of His Majesty, at Windsor Castle.

Winifred Emery has come safely through the surgical operation lately performed upon her, and gives promise of being restored both to health and the stage.

"On Monday evening a new play, called 'A White Passion Flower,' by Ernest Willard, was given for the first time at Kennington, with J. D. Beveridge, Crouch Henry, Ben Webster, Mrs. Edmund Phelps and Adeline Bourne in the cast.

At the Shaftesbury Theatre, on Wednesday next, Williams and Walker will reach their two hundredth performance of "In Dahomey."

Dorothy Grimston, at present playing in "The Golden Silence," at the Garrick Theatre, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Kendal was married last week to Robert Meyer, Charles Frohman's acting manager for John Hare. Both Mr. Bouchier and Mr. Frohman granted the happy pair leave of absence for a brief honeymoon, which was spent in Paris.

Wm. Greet has acquired the English acting rights in an unacted comic opera of Planquette's entitled "Les Noeuds de Bengaline" (Bengaline Wedding), which, after its production in Paris, will be brought out in London at the Adelphi.

After a provincial tour, which has been an unbroken success, "Monsieur Beauchamp" returned to town on Tuesday evening, taking up its new quarters at the Imperial Theatre, where a crowded and enthusiastic audience testified that the popularity of the play is far from exhausted. Lewis Waller, whom the enthusiasm of the audience naturally centred, had devoted the entire receipts of the evening to the King's Hospital Fund, which benefits thereby to the amount of over £250. Among his audience he had the honor of including the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the popular actor has further received a royal "command" to Sandringham for Friday week, when he will present "A Marriage of Convenience." The Imperial Theatre will be closed that evening.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Kendal produced a new comedy, in three acts, at Glasgow, written by A. C. Fraser Wood, called "Afterglow." It is built on the lines of "The Elder Miss Blossom," inasmuch as it gives Mrs. Kendal a chance to show herself as an irresistibly charming woman who is no longer the girl category. The scene is laid in the present time, and follows the troubled

NEW JERSEY.

Newark.—With one exception business was a little quiet last week.

NEWARK THEATRE (Lee Ottolenghi, manager).—The first appearance of Fay Templeton, in "The Runaways," this week, is of considerable importance. The Rogers Bros., and also Joseph Coyne, scored hits in their latest melange, and rolled up a week of good business. Nat Goodwin for week of 30, in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

COLUMBIA THEATRE (M. J. Jacobs, manager).—"A Fight for Millions" is on the current week, and should hold attention. Nicholson, Conway, Joseph J. Dempsey and Amy Butler appear in specialties. "A Great Temptation" drew nearly the usual average business last week. "The Price of Honor" next.

EMPIRE THEATRE (H. M. Hyams, manager).—Geo. Monroe's droll personality usually interests a wide circle here, and he should tickle good houses the current week. Chas. Warner's genius, in "Drink," created a profound impression last week, and houses were packed nightly. "Queen of White Slaves" 30 and week.

BLANNEY'S THEATRE (Chas. E. Blaney, manager).—"The Evil Men Do" promises well for the present week. "The Little Church Around the Corner" proved acceptable, to fair audiences, last week. Joe Santley, in "From Rags to Riches," week of 30.

WALDMAN'S THEATRE (W. S. Clark, manager).—"The Transatlantics" are making their annual visit, and attracting large audiences. The Rose Hill Co. gave a lively show, which proved thoroughly satisfactory to the patrons, who came in fair numbers. Kathryn Rowe Palmer received special praise for her work. The Bon Ton Burlesquers week of 30.

PROCTOR'S THEATRE (J. Austin Fynes, general manager).—"There is no abatement in the excellent bill, offered here, and business moves at a happy pace. Ernest Hogan and company, Hickey and Nelson, and Ford and Gehrne divide honors in creating interest in the present bill, which also boasts Christina's monkeys, Adonis Trio, Gardner and Vincent, Ascott and Eddie, Howe and Scott.

NOTES.—Mme. Patti will appear at Blaney's Theatre Wednesday afternoon, 25. Frances Malcolm, who appeared with the "Rogers Brothers in London," attained note as an architect in her home, Montclair.

Jersey City.—George W. Monroe, in "Our Bridget's Dream," had a busy week at the Academy, ending Nov. 21, where his many old time friends laughed heartily at his work. "The Factory Girl," at the Bijou, brought the city tilters in shoals, to see some clever performers and a number of realistic stage pictures. At the Bon Ton Henry Lee and his players were enthusiastically received, the talent presented being the best.

ACADEMY (Frank E. Henderson, manager).—For week of 23, "The Volunteer Organist," week of 30, David Warfield.

BIJOU (John W. Holmes, proprietor).—For week of 23, "Too Proud to Beg," week of 30, "No Wedding Bells for Her."

BON TON (T. W. Dinkins, manager).—For week of 23, Waldron and Bryant's Trocadero Burlesquers.

NOTE.—All the stage hands at the Academy enjoyed their annual game dinner at Macintosh John E. Langebee's Summer hotel, at Lake Hopatcong, 15.

PATERSON.—At the Paterston Opera House (John J. Goetschius, manager).—Wilton Lackaye, in "The Pit," filled the house evenings of Nov. 17, 18. Local audiences appreciated the strong character work of the principals, and applause was generous, especially in the fourth act, which is represented the wheat pit of Chicago's stock market. "Looping the Loop," 19-21, drew well filled houses. Coming: "Human Slaves" 24, 25, "Lovers' Lane" 26-28.

BIJOU THEATRE (Mrs. Ben Leavitt, manager).—"The Rentz-Santley Co. played to good business all last week. This week, the Bohemians. Booked: Fay Foster Co. week Nov. 30.

PENCILINGS.—W. E. Callaghan, business manager of "Looping the Loop," greeted old friends here last week. The Orpheum Club, of Paterston, sang the opera of "Faust" Monday evening, at the Opera House. The house was sold out previous to the performance.

Hoboken.—At the Lyric (H. P. Soulier, manager).—"Rachel Goldstein" and "A Devil in Skirts" had a good week 15-21. "The King of Detectives," 22, with the usual S. R. O. opening, remains until 25. "The Road to Frisco," Elizabeth Breyer leading, 26-28. "Wedded and Parted" 29-30. "Kidnapped in New York" 3-5.

EMPIRE (A. M. Bruggeman, proprietor).—Last week's offerings were nearly all headliners. Marcel pictures, an act without a parallel, was a sensation, and the bill was something remarkable. The Thanks giving week's offering: Crimmins and Gore, Jessie Couthout, Loney Haskell, Bimbo, B-r-r-r, Orville and Frank, Mitchell and Marion, and Manning's Entertainers. Business is satisfactory.

Elizabeth.—At the Lyceum Theatre (Elroy & Drake, managers).—"A Child Wife" came Nov. 12-14, to good business. "The James Boys in Missouri," 16-18, to fair returns. "A Fight for Millions" opened 19-21, to good houses. To arrive: "The Road to Frisco" 23-25, "Deserted at the Altar" 26-28, "The Devil in Skirts" 30-Dec. 2, "Buried Alive" 3-5.

JACOBS' THEATRE.—"Girls Will Be Girls" 24. "Queen of the White Slaves" 21.

VIRGINIA.

Norfolk.—Academy of Music (T. G. Leath, manager).—Viola Allen was accorded a most hearty reception Nov. 13. "The Mocking Bird" followed 14, to good business. E. H. Southern drew good houses. "Holly Toity" 20, 21, "The Cavalier" 25, 26, "The Burgomaster" 27, 28, 29, 30.

GRANBY THEATRE (Jake Wells, manager).—"The Wells-Dunne-Harlan Comedy Co. returned to their old stamping ground, and with "The Night of the Fourth" played to the biggest week's business, 16-21, this house has ever enjoyed. Henry Lee and his players 23-28.

ACME THEATRE (Chas. M. West, manager).—New people, or week of 23, Beverly and Danvers, Allen Appleton and Co., Wilbur and Slicker, Mollie Burlino, Alice Lomas, Glen Emmett, Daisy Russell, Babe Bemia, Ethel Hall, Mabel Herbert, and Gilroy, Haynes and Montgomery. Business is good.

BIJOU THEATRE (Abb. Smith, manager).—Last week's people retained. Business is very good.

MANHATTAN THEATRE (Chas. E. Rentz, manager).—"People opening 23 are: Rogers and Levine, Ferris Trio, Minnie Wardell, Lulu Kelly, Daisy Linden, Rentz Trio, Master Young, and Ed. Johnson. Business is good.

Richmond.—At the Bijou Theatre (Jake Wells, manager).—"Week of Nov. 16, "The Marriage Vow" played to good houses. Week of 23 the Bijou Musical Comedy Co. will present "The Night of the Fourth," week of 30, "The Little Church Around the Corner."

ACADEMY OF MUSIC (Thos. G. Leath, lessee).—Nat M. Willis, in "A Son of Rest," drew good business 9. Madeline Besley, in "The Mocking Bird," had a fair house 13. Viola Allen, in "Twelfth Night," played to a crowded house, afternoon and night 14. Quinlan & Wall's Minstrels 18. E. T. Southern, in "The Proud Prince," 19, 20, with matinee: "The Burgomaster" 24, "Holly Toity" 25, 26, with matinee; "The Cavalier,"

played by Mrs. Brune and company, 27, 28, with matinee.

Petersburg.—At the Academy of Music (Wm. E. French, manager).—Louis Morris was well received by good attendance Nov. 11. "The Christian" drew fair business 14. Quinlan & Wall's Minstrels gave an excellent performance, to a good house, 17. Peruchi-Beldini Co., in repertory, is due week of 30.

ALABAMA.

Mobile.—At the Mobile Theatre (J. Tannenbaum, manager).—"The Great Temptation," "What Happened to Jones," "The Wrong Mr. Wright" and "Why Smith Left Home," came Nov. 10-13, and gave great satisfaction, to fair sized audiences. "Smart Set" came 14, matinee and night, to top heavy houses, and also gave full satisfaction. The Gagnon-Pollock Stock Co., in repertory, 16-18, had good business. The company will lay off 19 to give Marie Wainwright the house, but will fill out 20, 21, to close the week. Coming: "Under Two Flags" 28. "A Chinese Honeymoon" 30.

MASCOT THEATRE (Ducourau Bros., managers).—"Good business is the rule at this house. The new comedians here Monday, 19, were: Davis and Harris, Fillmore and Sherwood, and the petite Nellie Bolton, a prime favorite here. A new performer also appeared in the person of Master Geo. Thomas Jr. This youngster is only four and one-half years of age, and appeared with Joe Ducourau, in an Irish sketch, entitled "Dan McCarthy." Buck and wife, dancing and singing were introduced throughout the act, and scored a big winner.

NOTE.—Manager Tannenbaum has added a hat and cloak room to the other comforts of his splendid house, which is highly appreciated by the patrons.

HARRIS' NICKLE PLATE SHOWS are due 25, 26.

Montgomery.—At the Montgomery Theatre (Hirsch Bros., managers).—"Busy Izzy," Nov. 6, had big business. Barlow Minstrels, 11, had good business. "The Silver Slipper," 13, played to the largest crowd of the season. Marie Wainwright 17, George Ober 19, Nat M. Willis 20.

McDONALD'S THEATRE (G. F. McDonald, manager).—"Hurd, the magician, 10, 11, had fair business. "The Two Johns," 14 (matinee and night), had good business.

Selma.—Academy of Music (Loog & Rees, managers).—"Barlow's Minstrels," 10, came to good business. The Smart Set, 12, filled the two galleries, and gave a good performance. Marie Wainwright, 16, played to a good house. Coming: George Ober 20, 21, "The Silver Slipper," 24. "Two Old Cronies," 25. "Land of Cotton," 26.

NOTE.—The Gaskill-Mundy-Levette Carnival Co. is now in full blast and receiving good patronage.

CANADA.

Toronto.—Princess Theatre (O. B. Shepard, manager).—"The Prince of Pilsen" did a big business Nov. 16-21. Aubrey Boucicault, in "Captain Charlie," 23-28.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (A. J. Small, manager).—"In the Palace of the King," drew well. "The Girl and the Judge" current.

MAJESTIC THEATRE (A. J. Small, manager).—"The Charity Nurse" played to big business. "A Little Outcast," 23-28.

MASSEY MUSIC HALL (Stewart Heuston, manager).—"Madame Patti will be with us Dec. 3.

SHEA'S THEATRE (J. Shea, manager).—"A good show and big business 16-21, with: "Fadettes," of Boston; Ward and Curran, Hayes and Healy, Bonnie Thornton, Peter Baker, Frank O'Brien, the kinetograph, Werner Amoros Troupe, Week of 23, Hyde's Comedians.

STAR THEATRE (F. W. Stalar, manager).—"The Bowery Burlesquers drew to capacity 16-21. Watson's American Burlesquers 23-28.

St. John.—At the Opera House (A. O. Skinner, manager).—"The New County Fair" came Nov. 16, to good business. Margaret E. Fitzpatrick gave a fine representation of Abigail Prue, and the company gave good support. Mlle. Latina made a hit. Coming: Harold Jarvis, tenor soloist; Owen A. Smiley, elocutionist and musical entertainer; W. Spencer Jones, accompanist, Dec. 4, 5.

Winnipeg.—At the Winnipeg Palace (Chas. C. Lindsay, manager).—"Wm. Owen presented "When Louis XI Was King" Nov. 11, 12, to two very good houses. "Floradora" 19, 20, West's Minstrels 21.

St. Catherine's.—Grand Opera House (Chas. A. Wilson, manager).—"Coming: "The Real Widow Brown" Nov. 23, "At Cripple Creek" 30, "More Than Queen" Dec. 7.

IOWA.

Des Moines.—At Foster's Opera House (Wm. Foster, manager).—"The Beauty Doctor" came, to good business, Nov. 13, 14. Clay Clement, in "The New Dominion," drew fairly 11, 12. "The Bonnie Brier Bush" 18, "The Governor's Son" 25, "Robert Emmet" 26.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Wm. Foster, manager).—"North Bros. Comedy Co. drew good houses 9-14. "A Runaway Match" opened, to good house, 16-18. Stetson's "U. T. C." 19-21, "The White Slave" 23-25, "A Trip to Chintown" 26-28.

AUDITORIUM (Wm. Foster, manager).—Tim Murphy, in "The Man from Missouri," 26, plays a return engagement.

Cedar Rapids.—At Greene's Opera House (Will S. Collier, business manager).—"Stetson's "U. T. C." Co., Nov. 11, had good business. Thomas J. Smith, in "The Game Keeper," gave satisfaction 13. Nettie De Coursey, in "An Orphan's Prayer," matinee and night, had good business. "The Bonnie Brier Bush" 18, "Banda Rossa" 20, "A Runaway Match" 21, "A Country Kid" 23, "Dare Devil Dorothy" 24, "Zaza" 25, S. Miller Kent 26, "Robert Emmet" 27, "Maloney's Wedding" 28, "Little Princess" 30, Tim Murphy Dec. 1, "Lost Love" 2, "King Dodo" 3, Ade Rehan and Otis Skinner 5. Will T. Lister was here 14, in advance of "A Runaway Match." T. H. O'Neill, ahead of "Dare Devil Dorothy," was in town 17. A. B. Benson, representative of "Zaza," was in the city 18.

Davenport.—At the Burtis Opera House (Direction Chamberlin, Kindt & Co.)—Ward and James entertained an enthusiastic audience Nov. 10. "Little Princess" 11. Mr. Brier Bush 14. "An Orphan's Prayer" 15. "Under Southern Skies" 16, "Beauty Doctor" 17. Coming: Clay Clement 18, "Miss" 19, "Dare Devil Dorothy" 20, "By Right of Might" 21, "Kathleen Mair" 22, "The Governor's Son" 23, "Robert Emmet" 29, "The Governor's Son" 30.

Iowa City.—Opera House (John N. Coldren, manager).—"Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Co. drew well Nov. 10. Clay Clement, in "The New Dominion," 17, was well patronized. Coming: "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" 19, "By Right of Might" 20, S. Miller Kent 24, Tim Murphy 30, "Lost River" Dec. 1, "A Runaway Match" 7.

Ft. Madison.—At the Elbing Grand (Chas. H. Salisbury, manager).—"Hoosier Daisy" played, to a fair house, Nov. 8. "Buried Alive" 9, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," 14, played to good house, at advance prices. "At Pinks Peak" 15, "Where Is Cobb?" 17, "Punkin Husker" 18, "A Country Kid" 21.

Evansville.—Grand Opera House (Pedley & Burch, managers).—"Harry Corson Clarke drew a good audience, in "His Own Roy." James Whitcomb Riley drew one of the largest houses ever seen here. Dr. John Merritt Driver, for the Y. M. C. A., lectured, to a big audience, 10. Harry Corson, in "The Professor's Love Story," had two good houses 14. Kate Watson, 16, played, at reduced prices, to a fair audience. She is starring in "The Hoosier Girl." Ezra Kendall played, to a good house, 17. Ward and James appeared 18, in "Alexander the Great," and scored a success. "The Denver Express" comes 19, 20, "The Little Christian" 23, Al. G. Field's Minstrels 27, Elizabeth Kennedy 28.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE (Pedley & Burch, managers).—"This house was filled to its utmost twice 15, by "Lost River." The Davidson Stock Co., 16-21, played to good houses nightly. The company is unusually strong this season.

EVANS HALL has had its capacity tested at each performance of the Rucker Korak Co. medicine shows. The company is offering some strong plays.

NOTES.—Picture machines have been introduced in one of the Main Street stores, and are doing a thriving business. The Temple Theatre, of Owensboro, did excellent business week of 9, with the Ferris Comedians. "Hoosier Girl" had good house 17. "Little Christian" 20, "Nip and Tuck" 21.

NEBRASKA.

Lincoln.—At the Oliver (Zehring & Crawford, managers).—"The Head Waters" Company came Nov. 11, to good business. "The Beauty Doctor" extravaganza met with a warm reception 12. Daisy King, a native of Nebraska, and sister of Mr. Kerr, one of the authors is taking a leading role with much credit to herself. Inez Forman, supported by John Dillon, gave a revival of "East Lynne," to excellent business, 13, 14. The second entertainment of the Y. M. C. A. was a lecture, given 16, by Edward Amherst Ott, entitled "Sour Grapes." The house was packed. Lew Dockstader's Minstrels drew a crowded house 17. "The Governor's Son" was presented 18, to a well filled house. "Circumstantial Evidence" was rendered, to good business, three performances, 20, 21. Booked: "Soldiers of Fortune" 23, Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Leland Powers, 24; "The Little Princess" 25, 26, "The Green Eyed Monster" 27, "In Old Kentucky" 28, "King Dodo" Dec. 1. Ada Rohan and Otis Skinner 3.

AUDITORIUM (E. C. Rewick, manager).—"Won Back," a military drama, by home talent, under the auspices of the Highlanders, 16, drew fairly well. Booked: Bledaean Colored Concert Co., 24.

AGENTS & FREEMAN will, on Nov. 23, open a new vaudeville house, called the Lyric. A. B. Jewett will act as local manager. This is one of a circuit of vaudeville houses that these managers are establishing from the Missouri River to the Pacific coast.

TEXAS.

Galveston.—At the Grand Opera House (Fred G. Wells, manager).—"Mr. Horton, in "Eben Holden," Nov. 11. Charles B. Hanford 12, "Human Hearts" 14. "Arizona," which was booked for Sunday, 15, matinee and night, was cancelled, on account of the rigid enforcement of the Sunday law.

SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM.—The Siegel Meyer-Carey Co. pleased a good sized audience 16.

ROSEBERRY HALL.—The Chicago Glee Club had a well filled house 14.

NEW MASCOT THEATRE (J. J. McCabe, manager).—"Week of 16 business continued fairly good, with Irene West, Birdie Varnell, Chas. Hoey, Alvin Washington, and the rest of the troupe. Annie Ellsworth, Ill Tom Ward, and Eugene St. Cyr. The stock presented a laughable farce, called "Roasted Lovers."

THE FLOTO DOG AND PONY SHOW had well filled tents, matinee and night, 16.

Austin.—Hancock's Opera House (Geo. Walker, manager).—"Happy Hooligan" Nov. 5. Elizabeth Kennedy, in "As You Like It," drew well 10. "Arizona" did not appear 11. Robert Mantell cancelled 12. Chas. B. Hanford 13, "Human Hearts" 14, matinee and night. "Human Hearts" played, to good houses, 16. Chas. B. Hanford, in "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Taming of the Shrew," 17, on account of having to cancel date in San Antonio.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Manchester.—At the Opera House (E. W. Harrington, manager).—"Hi Henry's Minstrels, Nov. 18, gave satisfaction. "Thelma" was given 20. Due: Dartmouth Glee Club 23; week of 20 of the Katharine Horner Co.

PARK THEATRE (John Stiles, manager).—"Smith O'Brien, in "The Game Keeper," 16-18, had satisfactory houses. The Blondells played their annual engagement 19-21, in "Through the Centre of the Earth." Nov. 11, Hagelin's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" 12, gave satisfaction. "Thelma" was given 20. Due: Dartmouth Glee Club 23; week of 20 of the Katharine Horner Co.

CASINO THEATRE (Fred C. Bowen, manager).—"Satisfactory business is being done at this place. For week of 23 the Smith & Bowen Burlesquers will furnish the bill.

KANSAS.

Wichita.—At the Crawford Theatre (E. L. Martling, manager).—"Herbert Keiley and Effie Shannon presented "Sherlock Holmes," to the best pleased audience of the season, Nov. 11. Hagelin's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" had nice business 12. "The Hills of California," fair business, 13. "The Missouri Girl" did nicely 14. "Legally Dead" with Harry Shannon, had good sized audience 17. FOLEY'S ENTERTAINERS, "Tom & Son," proprietors, Mame Melba, played a crowded house 13. Jack Hoefler Co. opened 16-21, with good business.

NOVELTY THEATRE (Buckner, Opp & Fry, proprietors).—"Vaudeville people week of 16: Tennessee and Robinson, Freeman and Clark, Creote and others.

MONTANA.

Butte.—At the Broadway (Dick Sutton, manager).—"The Storcks" will be the attraction Nov. 21. Followed by De Wolf Hopper and "Ben Hur." "Floradora," 13, 14, had good business. "The Governor's Son" 15, 16, had fair business.

GRAND (A. A. Marks, manager).—"Mason and Mason are due 26. Edward Garvin, in "Mr. Jolly, from Joliet," 16, 17, had good business. "The Two Sisters" 20, 21. Wm. H. West's Minstrels came 13-15, with fine show, to light business, due to bad weather. "Reuben in New York" came 12.

TENNESSEE.

Chattanooga.—At New Opera House (Paul R. Albert, manager).—"The Silver Slipper" came Nov. 9, to good business. "The Smart Set" 10. Quinlan & Wall, 13, did good business. Mary Manning came, to good business, 13. Mrs. Le Moyné, 16, played to crowded house and pleased. Troup "B" Minstrels (local) 17. "Pickings from Puck" 18. Richards & Pringle's Minstrels 19. Paul Gilmore 20. "Under Two Flags" 21. James and Ward 24. Murray and Mack 25. "The Fatal Wedding" 26. Knowles, hypnotist, 30 and week, with Dec. 1 out, for Howard Kyles, in "Rosemary."

Vaudeville and Minstrel.

NOTES FROM FRANK B. CARR'S THOROUGH-BREDS. We closed our twelfth week on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Empire Theatre, Detroit. We are having one of the most successful trips of any organization under the head of burlesque. Every one of the cities we have played since our opening week at Cincinnati Aug. 23, have been winners. The thoroughbreds are still galloping merrily along and making every post a winning one, and the pace is certainly heart breaking. There have been no changes thus far, and, from appearances, there will be none, as we are as one large family. Following is the roster: Blanche Washburn and Josie Flynn, Mlle. La Tosca, Dan Russell and Blanche O'Neill, the Empire Comedy Four (Evans, Cunningham, Jenny and Zinnell), Tony Kennedy and Ted Evans, assisted by Bell, the monk; Polk and Troak, Sadie Vedder, May Irish, Fay O'Dell, Agnes Castle, Edith Calthrop, Lolly Murray, Lillian Dane, May Corrie, Louise Kennedy, Effie Dean, Mamie Marlow, Rose Miller, Grace DuMont, Gladys Leslie, Margaret Farron, and Jeanette Wilson make a finely balanced chorus. The opening feature, "The Soldiers' Chorus, from Faust," never fails to take an encore, and the same can be said of the octette, "An Elopement." Excellent staff for Frank B. Carr: Louis J. Oberworth, manager; Sam Schiller, musical director; Frank Smith, carpenter, and Jake C. Kohlbrand, representative.

MAZELLE AND DE CONDE, who joined hands recently, have left Chicago for Deadwood, S. D. Their act, they report, is novelty.

BOB AND OSA DEMOREST write: "This is our twenty-eighth week with French's New Sensation, doing our musical act. The company numbers thirty-eight people, with a band and orchestra. Business has been fine. Season closes about Feb. 15, in Louisiana."

WILLIAMS AND GORDON have finished their Pacific coast time and are now playing Eastern dates.

THE AMATOO continue successfully in their novelty dancing act with Robbie's Knickerbockers.

BEAMONT AND HAYWARD write: "We are in our sixth week on the Novelty circuit, having played Cripple Creek, Denver, Victor, Pueblo (2 weeks), and have a return engagement at Denver, Nov. 9 and 16. We open Dec. 6 on the Archie Levy circuit, opening at the Chutes, near San Francisco."

LE ARTIST, aerialist, has been engaged as stage manager at Sadler's Garden Theatre, Buffalo, N. Y. The following people are booked there week of Nov. 16: Murtha and Murtha, Minnie Kennedy, the Gypsy Platte, Sadie Steele, Edna Hart and Le Artist.

CLEVER CONKEY, club and comedy juggler, has signed with Davenport's Northern "Ben Hur" Co., as the principal vaudeville feature, and to play parts.

FLORA MONTREAU is now in her fourteenth week with the Fay Foster Co., doing her dancing specialty.

AL. ANDERSON AND BILLY BRIGGS, colored comedians, have joined the Jere McAuliffe Show for eleven weeks, commencing Nov. 23, after which they go over to the Orpheum circuit, being booked solid until May.

CHAS. AND HELEN MACK, Irish comedians, are on their way West, to play the coast circuit, after twenty weeks of work on the New England circuit of parks. Mr. Mack was made a member of I. P. O. E., No. 118, Fall River, Mass., on Nov. 2.

GEO. I. FOSTER, black face comedian, reports success on the New England circuit. This week he is at the Hub Theatre, Woonsocket, R. I., with Manchester, N. H., Lowell, Mass., and Lawrence, Mass., to follow.

ROSE CARLIN closed a successful engagement of twelve weeks at Watson's Cozy Corner, Brooklyn, and opens Nov. 16 with the City Club Co., for three weeks, with the Howard, Boston, to follow.

THE TWO HEWITTS (Emma and Fred), globe equilibrist, closed their third season as one of the principal free attraction features of Wright's Carnival Co., at Washington, Ind. The Hewitts will play dates during the Winter, as they are well booked up, they write.

J. B. MACK, formerly of the team of Mack and Tosca, also known under the title of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bird, will sail for London, where he is to open an engagement which will last two years through Europe.

THE SKITTLES, James, Etta and Baby Charlotte, are on the New England circuit, and report success with their act, "Fun With a Camera." Baby Charlotte is a feature of the act.

JOHN W. OSBORNE, of the team Osborne and Wallace, was compelled to cancel the New England circuit, owing to the death of his mother, who died Nov. 10.

M. A. ACKER AND LA BELLE MARTELL report meeting with success with the painted act, and fancy rifle and pistol shooting.

LANDRY AND PREVOST, acrobats, have joined the Bartelli Troupe of Acrobats, and report success.

GENARO AND THIEL closed their third successful season with the Hugging Bros. Circus Nov. 6, at Malden, Mo., and have signed with that show for next season. They open on the Hopkins' circuit Nov. 15, at Louisville, Ky., and sail for England Dec. 23, for twelve weeks on the Moss & Siskel tour.

LEWIS AND DRISCOLL, acrobats, playing the Pacific coast circuit, having been booked by Archie Levy for his theatres.

CHAS. AND ARDELL write: "We are now in our eleventh week with the Reilly & Wood Show, Richy, Craig playing one of the principal comedy parts, and Walter Ardell, leader of orchestra. Our act is as big a success as ever. The company is carrying thirty-five people, and doing a banner business over the Empire circuit."

DAVID O'BRIEN AND HENRIETTE HEROLD opened at the Star Theatre, Hamilton, Can., week of Nov. 9. Their new satirical skit, by Con. T. Murphy, entitled "Felix Fresh," is, they write, a success.

JEROME, MEREDITH AND THE ST. CLAIRS SISTERS inform us they have met with success with their playlet. It has been arranged so that the comedy elements predominate. Louis W. Buckley has the entire management of the act. They are booked almost solid after Dec. 27.

THE RAZZLE write: "After spending a few weeks at the Hoyt Farm, near Kalamazoo, Mich., Mr. Razzle is well again. Although we had to cancel our work on the Proctor circuit, new dates are coming in. We open Nov. 30, at Pastor's, New York, and are booked solid to the coast, finishing the latter part of March."

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL SEASON the Empire Theatre, at Ashabula Harbor, O., has closed for the Winter. The following people, who played here during closing week, presented Mr. and Mrs. Foley with beautiful tea set: C. Harris, leader of orchestra; Harry Woodthorpe Flossie, the Cleodouras, the Randolphs, the Banker Sisters, Mr. Moxie and James J. Scotty.

JOHN DOUGHERTY, mimic, comedian and dancer, reports meeting with success with Judson's Comedians, touring New Jersey.

IAN J. HARRINGTON, ventriloquist, played the New York Theatre Sunday concert Oct. 25, and played Sohmer Park, Montreal, Can., Nov. 1, as one of the special features. He was also one of the feature acts at the Metropolitan Theatre last Sunday.

THE NEW APOLLO THEATRE, Vienna, Austria, will not be ready to open this season. It will be open in 1906.

DRAGO, with his performing sheep and dogs, has joined the Great Lafayette Show for the rest of the season. He opened with the show at Akron, O., Nov. 9.

THE NEW TRENT THEATRE, at Trenton, N. J., a modern theatre devoted to refined vaudeville, under the management of Edward Renton, will open its doors to the public on Monday, Dec. 7, presenting a bill comprising several of the leading acts in vaudeville. Harry Van Auker, Colorado, the band act of Dumitrescu, Van Auker and Vanner, son is the best with which he has ever been connected.

LULU KREGAN, while doing her single specialty at Watson's Cozy Corner, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Nov. 2, received a handsome ship of carnations and roses, expressed from Boston, Mass. She is in her twelfth week at this house.

COLLINS AND HART are playing their farewell engagement this week at Pastor's, as they sail for Europe Dec. 2,



Eddie Leonard is of the other type—the Emerson type, graceful, vocal, and obviously good looking through the cork. He, too, has a manner of his own, and he dances like a Frenchman. But best of all in him is a singing voice of singular, shaggy, carol-like sweetness. Imagine sweetness in the voice of an old man! Who will believe a word of this? Surely no one who stays away from the show. But if the whole town goes I am vindicated.—Ashton Stevens, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, Nov. 2, 1903.

Eddie Leonard is about the best end man we have had out here in years. He dances with all the grace of Primrose, but he sings better and is a funnier comedian.—SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN, Nov. 3, 1903.

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Mr. Eddie Leonard sings a song of his own composition, "Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider," with an abundant coon expressiveness, and some wonderful dancing.—SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN, Nov. 2, 1903.

"In the Moonlight," a sketch, put on by Eddie Leonard, assisted by a score of dancers, finished the olio and the performance. Leonard is a most graceful and agile dancer; in fact, more so than any other dancer

that has appeared in any minstrel show that has been seen in this city in several years. His singing of "Shine On, My Evening Star" and "The Man Up in the Moon" was greatly enjoyed, and his dancing and that of his assistants made a most agreeable ending to a thoroughly meritorious programme. It was a good show all the way through, and will certainly draw well at the remaining performances, tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night.—ROCHESTER HERALD, Aug. 25, 1903.

Eddie Leonard ran him a close second as a fun maker, and also made a big hit with the people. He was last season with Primrose & Dockstader, and is evidently a comer in the world of minstrelsy.—WINNIPEG TELEGRAM, Sept. 26, 1903.

The second part presented a liberal assortment of entertaining vaudeville turns, and

the performance was closed with a spectacularly set "Topsy-turvy" divertissement, staged and chiefly performed by Eddie Leonard backed by a large and competent corps of dancers.

Altogether the show was highly approved by the audience. It will be repeated at the National this evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening.—ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE, Aug. 25, 1903.

"A good card in Haverly's Minstrels," says W. E. Nankeville, proprietor and manager of many attractions.

Leonard, on account of his good singing voice and graceful dancing, has more right for recognition in his Suwanee River act, with the beautiful moonlight and rippling water effects, than any others whom we have seen recently in this city.—ROCHESTER HERALD, Aug. 26, 1903.

Eddie Leonard's work proved him to be a performer of most original ideas, and originality in minstrelsy is a rarity indeed.—ST. PAUL DISPATCH, Sept. 18.

And it is also worth the price to hear Eddie Leonard sing in his own inimitable style, "Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider," a quaint and fantastic coon song of his own composition. This, with his clever dancing, serves to keep the audience in an uproar for a dozen recalls nightly.—SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN, Nov. 5, 1903.

DURING THE ENGAGEMENT AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY, WITH PRIMROSE AND DOCKSTADER'S MINSTRELS, Eddie Leonard, a vocalist, comedian and a dancer—and was really enjoyable.—Allan Dale, NEW YORK JOURNAL.

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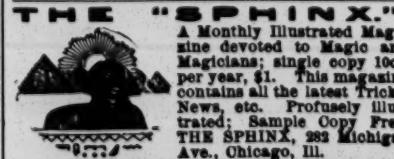
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agers.—Hooney and Forrester, Mae Stanley, Raphael and Earl, Earle and Homage, Nellie By, James Bernard, Little Eysa, Lillian Scott, Lucille Brown, Layne D. Dramatic. In "The Man from California," BLAZIER'S CONCERT HALL (E. B. Day manager).—Maud Sewell, Eva Metcalf, Dorothy Elmer, Clara Lewis, Nellie Hillier. BLICKSON'S MUSIC HALL (H. D. Goff manager).—Rose Davenport, Annie Merritt, Ladine Ideal Orchestra, Mae E. Gliddon, director.

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TENNESSEE.

Memphis.—At the New Lyceum Theatre (Frank Gray, manager and lessee).—Pickings from "Puck" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor" were performed, after which, on Nov. 2, "Holly Tolly" did not arrive in time for the performance 13, and a packed house was necessarily dismissed. The company met with a wreck on the road, twenty-five miles out from Memphis. Lillian Durham, leading lady, suffered with a sprained arm. The remainder of the troupe were uninjured, and matinee and night, 14, filled the house to capacity. On the 15th, the company presented "The Taming of the Shrew" 15, and "The Merchant of Venice" 16, to S. R. O. Both productions were artistically rendered. Messrs. Clark, Varroy and Hale came in for liberal applause and added greatly to the success of the plays. Murray and Mack, in "A Night on Broadway," attracted two splendid audiences, matinee and night, 18. New features are introduced, and the performance is highly pleasing. Coming: Elizabeth Kennedy 23, 24, local 25, Paul Wilmore 26, local 27, Viola Allen 28, "The Silver Slipper" 29, "The Meeting Bird" Dec. 2, "Human Hearts" 4, 5.

Hopkins' Grand Opera House (A. B. Morrison, manager).—"The Cipher Code" drew large houses week 16. Mrs. Landin Rowan's work in this play is deserving of great credit. Arthur Mackley gave a very able interpretation of the villain, Jno. J. Farrell, William Stuart, Anna Hollinger and Nora Rosa were up to the standard. The scenic effects deserve mention. Between the two vaudeville acts were: "The Sea-Beck" Family of acrobats, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Darrow, in sand and smoke pictures, also shadowgraphs. "At Valley Forge" week 23.

New Auditorium (Honi. M. Stainback, manager).—Al. Martin's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" played, to crowded houses, 13, 14. The performance seemed to please the audience. Katie Emmett, in "Walls of New York," came to good business, 18, 19. Miss Emmett always receives a cordial welcome in Memphis. Coming: Ward and Wade's Minstrels 26, "Two Married Men" Dec. 4, 5.

Nashville.—At the Grand (Mrs. T. J. Boyle, manager).—The Boyle Stock Co. offered "A Contented Woman" Nov. 16, 21, and played to excellent business. The others of the company were up to a high standard. "The Counterfeiters" 23, 28.

Vendome (W. A. Sheetz, manager).—"Holly Tolly" had good business 17. A Chinese Honey-moon 19, drew a crowded house. Murray and Mack drew splendid business, with "A Night on Broadway" 20, 21. James and Warrin, in "Alexander the Great" 23; Paul Gilmore 24, Elizabeth Kennedy 26, Viola Allen 27, "Eben Hoider" 28, Ward and Wade's Minstrels 29, local 30, 31. Slattery Jones, 19, matinee and night, sang at St. John's colored church, to a packed house.

Notes.—Nellie Callahan, owing to ill health, has had to sever her connection with the Boyle Stock Co. to the regret of her many friends here. Bertha Crockett's mother has come to this city to be with her the remainder of the season.

MISSOURI.

St. Louis.—Olympic (P. Short, manager).—For week of Nov. 23, Julia Moore, in "Fools of Nature," during week of 16 "The Girl With the Green Eyes" made many friends. Clara Bloodgood, in the title role, rose to the occasion. John Austin played the husband to perfection. Rose Flynn, a St. Louis girl, also did clever work. Jessie Bailey and Edith Taliferro deserve special mention.

Century (P. Short, manager).—"The Prince of Pilsen" is here again as the current offering. For week of 15 "The Eternal City" played to packed houses. Edward Morgan was the centre of interest, although Sarah Tonia seemed to share the honors. W. E. Bonney and Fred C. Bangs exhibited skill.

Grand (John G. Sheedy, manager).—"The Princess Chlo" is here for week of 22, with Vera Michelson. Ward and Wade, in "A Pair of Pinks," did a record business week of 15.

Imperial (D. E. Russell, manager).—"The Man Who Dared," with Howard Hall, did a big business week of 15. The current offering is Joe Welch, in "The Peddler."

Crawford (O. T. Crawford, manager).—"Human Hearts" was received by large audiences week of 15. For week of 22, Black Butti and her troupe drew a packed house.

Onion.—The Contour Band gave a high class concert, which was well attended, night of 20.

Havlin's (Wm. Garon, manager).—"The Child Slaves of New York" is the attraction for Thanksgiving week. For week of 15, "A Desperate Chance" drew fairly well.

Columbia (Middleton & Tate, managers).—This high class vaudeville house did an excellent business last week. For week of 23: Hines and Hines, Stuart, and Hines, Trio, Alcie Capitaine, Mr. and Mrs. Robyns, Alice Raymond, Morrissey and Rich, Myers and Rosa, Edwards and Romney, the Dehlikes, and Van Doosen and McAuliffe.

Standard (Leo Reichenbach, manager).—For week 16, "The Merry Wives of Windsor" was the fun makers. For week of 29, Brigadiers.

St. Joseph.—Trotter Theatre (C. F. Filley, manager).—"Robert Emmet" drew good business. Nov. 22, Keckey-Shannon, 14, to fair business. "The Chaplains" 17, 18, business fair. Coming: Robert Edison 26, Skinner and Rehan 30.

Lynch Theatre (C. F. Filley, manager).—"Man to Man" drew standing room only 15, 16. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" 19, 21, "Midnight Express" 22, 23, "Circumstantial Evidence" 24, 25, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" 28.

Crystal Theatre (J. A. Jackson, manager).—"Packed to the doors every night."

Springfield.—Baldwin Theatre (Geo. F. Olendorf, manager).—"A Texas Steer" Nov. 10, had a large audience. Stater's Madison Square Stock Co., 11-14, did a good business. Coming: Allen Bros' Stock Co. 23-25, "The Irish Pawabrokers" 26, "Arizona" 28.

KANSAS.

Topeka.—At the Crawford (Crawford & Kane, managers).—"The Chaplains" drew a good house Nov. 11. Keckey and Shannon drew a large audience 12. "The Fast Mail" had good houses 14, 15. "Hills of California" played to a large audience, 16. "The Girl from Sweden" had a fair house 16. Coming: "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" 21, "Man to Man" 22, "Midnight Express" Thanksgiving, Robert Edison 28, "Papa's Boy" 29, "In Old Kentucky" 30, Skinner's, T. C. Dec. 2, "My Friend from Arkansas" 4, "A Bunch of Keys" 5.

Grand Opera House.—Otis Skinner and Ada Rehan 21. "A Jolly Man's Troubles" Thanksgiving.

—Will J. McDermott informs us that he will star next season in "O'Hooligan's Trip" New York, under the direction of Jas. E. Homer, and that the company will carry twenty-four people, with special scenery. Mr. Homer has engaged the original California Quartet for the production.

WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee.—Last week was marked by good attendance all around. At the Davidson, "The Prince of Pilsen," Nov. 15-18, Trilzie Friganza and Jess Dandy secured principal hits. "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," offered a performance out of the usual nature, was enjoyed very much. Clara Bloodgood, in "The Girl with the Green Eyes" opens 23, for week, the first performance being set apart as the Press Club's Annual Entertainment. "Quincy Adams Sawyer" 29-Dec. 2.

ATLANTIC THEATRE.—Manager O. F. Miller offers "McFadden's Flair" for week of 22, and "The Funny Side of Life" week of 23, "The Queen of the Highway" week of 15, proved fully as popular as last season.

Academy (Edwin Thannhauser, manager).—"Victor Hurand" was well presented week of 16. Lee Baker, Albert Brown, James Kyre McMurtry and Edith Evelyn did excellent work. Attendance holds good. "The Still Alarm" and "Armen" weeks of 23 and 30, respectively.

Park Theatre.—James K. Hackett, as "John Emme, of the Yellowstone," 26-28, is the first of Manager Leon Wachner's star English attractions. The German Stock Co. continues its successful run, and will put on "Ella Gemmell Mann," 21, and "Der 79 Geburtstag," 22.

Blair Opera House.—Manager John R. Pierce has been offering strong attractions this season, with good results. "A Ruined Life" week of 15, was well received. Rebecca Warren, in "The Mother-in-Law," comes 22, for week, and "The Princess Chlo" week of 29.

Star Theatre (Frank R. Treisman, manager).—"The Gay Morning Glories" drew the usual run of well filled houses week of 15. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" week, and Sam Devere's Co. week of 23. Souvenirs are now given out at ladies' matinee. S. R. O. is the rule.

Sans Souci Music Hall (Thos. E. Wit, manager).—"The Merry Wives of Windsor" week, Leon and Bertie Allen, May Forrest, Doyle and Granger, and Lillian Clifford. Business is good.

Notes.—Camilla March, who is to take the leading roles at the Pabst Theatre for the remainder of the season, arrived in Milwaukee 18. Joseph Claude, of the Davidson Theatre, will take his military band of forty pieces to the St. Louis World's Fair for a ten days' visit.

Eau Claire.—At the Grand (C.D. Moon, manager).—"The Merry Wives of Windsor" week, Nov. 17, "Quincy Adams Sawyer" 21, coming: Katherine Willard 25, West's Minstrels 27, "To Die at Dawn" Dec. 1, Ezra Kendall 5.

ILLINOIS.

Peoria.—At the Grand (Chamberlin, Harpington Co., managers).—"The Merry Wives of Windsor" week, Nov. 15, "An American Hero" 16, "As You Like It" 17, "The Fatal Wedding" 18, and "Dare Devil Dorothy" 19, drew fair business. "The Prince of Pilsen" had a good advance sale for 20, as did also "The Merry Wives of Windsor" for 21. "A Texas Steer" 26, "Down by the Sea" 27, "Clay Clement" 28, Joe Welch 30, "One Night in June" Dec. 2, "Zaza" 4.

Main Street (Will Nash, manager).—"Business is big, and the strong bills of the week give satisfaction. Week of 23: Almost and Dumont, Three Rio Brothers, Charles B. Ward, Devaney and Allen, Lytton and Gerald, Kieffer and Diamond.

Wheat's Theatre (P. A. West, proprietor).—Audiences are increasing in size. Week of 23: Aerial Smiths, Del Arno and Ryan, McKeever and Sandry, Robert Carroll and wife, Leon and Bertie Allen, Slater and Clyde.

Jacobs' Theatre (A. F. Jacobs, proprietor).—"Cold weather has not affected the audience. Week of 23: Aerial Smiths, Del Arno and Ryan, McKeever and Sandry, Robert Carroll and wife, Leon and Bertie Allen, Slater and Clyde.

Notes.—Melba came here from Wichita, sang to 5,000 people at the Coliseum on 15, and jumped to Philadelphia. Mrs. Conkley, a Chicago contralto, augmented the company, and was well received. Ella La Dew entertained the "Prince of Pilsen" Co., after the performance 20, at the Teachers' Club, in honor of her sister, Any La Dew, who is a member of the company.

League has been formed, under the Coliseum was opened 19 with the first game. Manager Nash, of the Main Street, has interested local capitalists in a new playhouse, and they have purchased a piece of ground, 52x170 feet, on Jefferson Street, only half a block from the present Main Street house. The intention is to commence work early next year and have the house finished by September. Mr. Nash will manage it and continue refined vaudeville.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis.—At English's Opera House (Ad. E. Miller, manager).—"A Chinese Honey-moon," Nov. 13, 14, furnished a pleasing entertainment, to very big business. Eleanor Robson, in "Merely Mary Ann," 16, drew a big audience. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" week of 23, was well received. "The Sign of the Cross" 17, 18, did a moderate business. Ezra Kendall 19, "The County Chairman" 20, 21, Mabel McKelvey Specialty Co. 23, 24, Lewis Morrison 25, Rose Coghlan 26, Mary Manning 27, Harry Hershey Dec. 1, 2, Mrs. Langtry 3, 4, "The Eternal City" 5, 7.

Park Theatre (Dickson & Talbot, managers).—"A Desperate Chance," 12-14, was another good one that filled the house twice a day. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" week of 23, was well received. "The Sign of the Cross" 17, 18, did a moderate business. Ezra Kendall 19, "The County Chairman" 20, 21, Mabel McKelvey Specialty Co. 23, 24, Lewis Morrison 25, Rose Coghlan 26, Mary Manning 27, Harry Hershey Dec. 1, 2, Mrs. Langtry 3, 4, "The Eternal City" 5, 7.

Grand Opera House (Shaffer Ziegler, manager).—"Hyde's Comedians," week of 16, drew capacity good houses. Four Holloways, Carr and Burns, Cole and Warner, Piccolo Midgents, and Bennett and Young all made good. For week of 23: Clayton White and Maria Stuart and Co., Four Holloways, Humbert, Mazuz and Mazette, Dillon Brothers, Prof. Parker's dogs, Sallor and Barretto, Merritt and Rosella, and the Mesopoe.

Unique Theatre (Ralph Therbus, manager).—"Business is still satisfactory at this popular family resort."

Empire Theatre (Chas. Zimmerman, manager).—"Weber's Dainty Duchess" did fairly well week of 16. Brigadiers week of 23, and "Cracker Jacks" for 30.

Tolson's Hall.—Crestore and his Italian band 23, 24.

Notes.—Richard Hyde, manager of Hyde's Comedians, was awakened in his room at the Denison Hotel early 17, to find a burglar going through his clothes, which contained over \$3,000. Mr. Hyde called for help and the man was captured and identified as an escaped convict and noted hotel robber.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta.—At the Grand (H. L. & J. L. De Glee, managers).—"Nat. Williams, in 'A Son of Rest,' Nov. 18, 19, Mrs. Manning came 11, 12, to liberal patronage. Mrs. Le Moyne delighted large and enthusiastic audiences 14. Paul Gilmore, supported by a clever company, presented "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" 16, 17, to good business. "Under Two Flags" 18, 19, Ward and James 23, 26.

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Criticism Centre (Charles Frohman, manager). At this house of Monday night, Nov. 23, William Faversham and company gave the first New York presentation of "Miss Elizabeth's Prisoner," a four act play, dramatized by E. Lyall Swete and Robert Neilson Stephens from Mr. Stephens' novel. The production of the work occurred Nov. 16, at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Stephens, in his book, used a theme which had the promise of being the ground work for a good play, but in dramatizing it the author and collaborator failed miserably to adhere too closely to the book, with the result that they have produced an uninteresting play, filled with impossible characters. This fault was pronounced in the book, but it is much more so in the play because of the numerous inaccuracies of fact which were partly glossed over by descriptive writing in the novel. Captain Harry Peyton, the character intended to be the hero, is a pronounced coward and cad. He is captain of Lee's Light Horse Continental Dragoons, and he makes love to Elizabeth, not that he loves her, for he does not; wins her love and the protection she can give him, and then, when his life is saved and he is restored to health, tells her of the deception he practiced upon her. She, however, was not deceived, for his deception, which there was not, for he was a soldier, and should not have been afraid to die, common decency and manhood (humor could not exist in such a coward) should have made him keep the deception a secret until after the war. The girl's love more particularly so as he had begun to have affection for her. The period of the play is in 1778 and it is fortunate for us that our forefathers of the revolutionary days were not of the Captain Peyton stripe. Also, the name of the heroine, Miss Elizabeth Phillips, is ridiculous. Captain Hilda Spang, Mr. Faversham made the most of a bad bargain, and infused the role of Captain Harry Peyton with his pleasing individuality. When the author permitted him to be mainly he was every inch a soldier, and he was unable to do otherwise. Hilda Spang, on the other hand, the caddish speeches put into his mouth by the dramatists. Hilda Spang struggled heroically with the role of Miss Elizabeth Phillips, which is also filled with contradictions, but not so heavily weighted with them as the role of Captain Hilda Spang. Miss Spang was bright and vivacious, and scored a personal success, although the role is not of the kind in which she has won her popularity. The one little bright spot in the play is the role of Molly Edwards, a servant, which was wonderfully well played. The last case in rule: Captain Harry Peyton, William Faversham; Major John Golden, Percy Lyndall; Mr. Valentine, Charles Harbury; John Edwards, Ira Harris; Black Sam, John Armstrong; Cuff, Charles Avery; Miss Carrie, Marion Coffey; Mrs. Valentine, Miss Elizabeth Phillips; Hilda Spang; Mistress Sally Williams, Maud Howell; Molly Edwards, Gordon Lee.

Savoy Theatre (Charles Frohman, manager).—Mme. Charlotte Wiehe and her company, following their engagement here, moved down to this house from the Vaudeville Theatre, Nov. 23, for a brief stay of one week, presenting, in a most delightful manner, four one act French comedies, entitled respectively: "Tricks of Nerine," "The Night of the Fire," "The Jeweled Supper." In the three last named Mme. Wiehe again demonstrated that she is a perfect mistress of pantomime art. Maxine Elliott is to begin an engagement here in "Her Own Way," on Nov. 30, and on that date will return to her company return to the Vaudeville Theatre.

Huber's Museum (John H. Anderson, manager).—Business continues at top notch here, and the new lists of attractions, presented in every department, from week to week, are fascinating. Last week's featured new feature, this week are: "The Bearded Lady, Leah, giantess; the Fat Lady, the Del Kanos, handcuff experts, and Stanley's troupe of trained goats. The Lion Face Boy heads the list of museum hall features, followed by another trick, the theatrical performance of the Orientalist, M. Monro's Les Orlens Minstrel, alternate with the J. B. Burke Comedy Co. In giving an excellent entertainment.

Third Avenue Theatre (Martin J. Dixon, manager).—"The Road to Ruin" is presented here this week, with the cast: Frank Kennedy, H. F. Clarence; Issie Cohen, Henry Fields; Walter Brink, Frank Richter; O'Flanagan, Stephen Hoyt; Henry Clapman, Phil Murtha; Rudolph, Arthur Duray; Albert, Frank Collins; Wanda, Clara Meyer; Maggie, Dilling; Bobbie, Florence Langdon; Rebecca, Sadie Fields; Susette, Bertha Morrell; Mrs. Morton, Caroline De Vere; Violet Madison, Henrietta Mayo; Daisy Smidley, Fauny Mereno. Harry and Sadie Fields presented their specialty in the third act, "The World's Best Boy in Prison."

Murray Hill Theatre (Henry V. Donnelly, manager).—Edward Harrigan, in "Lust for Cover," entered on his eleventh and last week Nov. 23. Vesta Tilley continues as the extra feature. On Nov. 30 she will return to her regular engagements and all play combinations, opening with "Happy Holligan."

Victoria Theatre (Oscar Hammerstein, manager).—Frank Daniels, in "The Office

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Vaudeville and Minstrel.

J. F. NORRIS, president and business manager of the National Protective Union, No. 1, Chicago, is the following self explanatory communication: "I beg leave to inform you of the following news: On Saturday night, Oct. 17, while Harry West, wife and child were returning to their hotel at Ottawa, Ill., after the performance, they met a crowd of hoodlums who were intoxicated, and who, for some unknown cause, grossly insulted both Mr. and Mrs. West, and finally attacked Mr. West. Mr. West, who was carrying his little child, drew his revolver and began firing at the hoodlums. At this moment an innocent young man, the name of Walsh, came out of a saloon and received one of the shots in the arm, from which he died. Mr. Walsh was a young man that was well thought of at Ottawa, and was the main support of his widowed mother. This being the case, it is but natural that the citizens of Ottawa are bitter against Mr. West, so much so that they made threats of lynching him. However, they got a special grand jury to act quick. This grand jury indicted Mr. West for doing just what they should have done had any of them been placed in the same position. Being without money and friends, he is placed in a bad position. His friends in this city are giving him a benefit to raise funds to secure him a lawyer and change of venue. Tickets have been sold in every city. Any other contributions will be thankfully received by Mrs. Harry West, 155 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill."

EDWARD LESLIE is recovering from the effects of a painful operation, which was performed on his right arm at the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., two weeks ago. It was necessitated by blood poisoning, which nearly caused Mr. Leslie to lose the arm. He will leave the hospital Nov. 28.

Mrs. B. Q. LESLIE, mother of the late Edward P. Leslie, formerly of the team of Forber and Quinn, died Nov. 16, after a short illness.

ALB. H. FITZ was a Clipper caller Nov. 21. Mr. Fitz has just returned to this city from Central City, Alaska, where he became proprietor of a weekly paper, *The Central City News*. He states that business in the Northwest is flourishing.

MILBRED HOWARD DE GUY writes: "After a month's engagement in Wien, Austria, I am on my way back to New York. I have been two weeks, with Breslau, Leipzig, Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, Munich, etc., with two months to follow at the Casino in Paris. I have been quite unfortunate in not finding any American acts to put on my tour. I am, however, very much interested in the success of the playing card game, and can say that I will return to the land of the Free."

KELNE, tramp juggler, played *Scholar* at Montreal, Can., Sunday, Nov. 15. He played *Trick*, expert rifle shot, writes: "I have died in quarters in Lincoln Neb., and am working daily on new shots and mechanical devices for my gun acts. Rose Fulton has a ring, and is training her dog twice a week."

NOTES FROM WOMAN'S DOWN EAST MINSTRELS. Since our opening, nine weeks ago, I believe has been very satisfactory. We are playing one and two night stands in the State of Michigan, and will make Indiana in a few weeks. We have nine people, and the company, and band and orchestra. Geo. P. Wood is manager and owner; Wm. Write, advance; Ota Pierce, orchestra leader, and Al. E. Read, stage manager and principal comedian. Jack Harrison, contortionist, joined Nov. 9, and is closing the bill.

McFARLAND AND MURRAY are in their fifteenth week with W. B. Watson's Americans, and report success with *The Millionaire* and the *Leeman*.

JAMES AND CELIA WELCH just closed three weeks in Canada, and have joined the Manhattan Burlesque Co. for the season.

MONS. CAMILLE and MME. EVA were at Bradenburgh's Museum, Philadelphia, last week, and report having good work to follow.

RETH AND NELDA, *The Harmony Girls*, report success with their novelty Dutch sketch. They are booked up until February, 1904.

JEROME MOTA played a successful week at the Avenue Theatre, Pittsburgh. He has added several sleight of hand novelties to his act.

THE LA VALS, with their novelty aerial act on the silver arch and chain ladders, are in their fourteenth week with Clark's Runaway Girl Co.

SULLIVAN AND HUBBARD have again joined hands, and will introduce their new black face singing and dancing act. They open in Boston week of Nov. 30.

THE VEDDIE TRIO (Myrtle, Charlie and Bessie) returned to Memphis, Tenn., and opened at the Garden Theatre Nov. 24, for a four weeks' engagement. They have just finished six nights through Texas, and are booked solid through the West, with their first date, after Memphis, at Denver, Jan. 1.

RAYZETTA and BELLE have finished the Kohl & Castle circuit, with Peoria, Grand Rapids, Mich., Pittsburgh and Youngstown, Pa., to follow. They join Wornwood's Show Dec. 1.

DURING a performance at the Alma Opera House, Alma, Mich., on Nov. 17, fire broke out and a panic started. William A. Roland, song illustrator, was seriously hurt, but will recover.

HARRY LE CLAIR has been retained by Manager Dockstadter to open his new house at Wilmington, Del., Nov. 23.

ALICE AND HAMILTON report meeting with success in their new act, playing at Buffalo last week. Miss Hamilton will sail for Europe next May.

BLANCHARD and ALMON report success with their new travesty on a soldier's life, entitled *The Rank and File*, written for them by Wm. M. Vinton. They are booked up to the end of the season.

JOHNNA MILLER and WILEY Mudge, Denning, who sold the Park Theatre, Anderson, Ind., are building a large theatre in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Wm. A. INMAN and FRANCES W. HAYWARD, a daughter of the late Supreme Court Judge J. Hayford, of Wyoming, were married on Oct. 22, at the home of the bride's parents.

JOHN J. SHILLARD is at Fitchburg, Mass., this week, with Springfield and Worcester to follow.

LA CENTRA and DO VARE have signed with the Bowers Minstrelers, to do their electrical musical specialty, and also comedy parts in the burlesque.

LOUISE LA BETH has separated from Stella Hastings, and is at present doing her specialty with the Bowers Minstrelers.

LOUISE DE VARE, of Cooper and De Vere, and to close with Scribner's Morning Glories and return to her home. She will have to undergo an operation, and will rest for the remainder of the season.

EDW. C. HAY, musical comedian, writes that he is not doing his musical act, but is doing principal end and monologue with the Great Barlow Minstrels, and meeting with success.

JOHN GORMAN, manager of the Gorman Trio, report success with their new act, consisting of clown, pantomime, acrobats, and contortion feats. He writes: "We are at present the closing feature of Billy Clark's Minstrels, and never fail to send the audience away good natured."

MOVIE AND ST. CLAIR are still with *The French Spy* Co., doing very nicely with their new character lighting change act.

JOHN F. LEONARD, in his single specialty, opened on the Proctor circuit at Albany last week, and was well received.

SID FERRY, late of Fern and Wadsworth, has joined hands with Joe Hamilton, late of Hamilton, Senon and Hottelot, and the team will be known as Fern, Hamilton and Co., in *The Wilds of Africa*.

BEAT BONAVENTURE, Frank C. Brown, Richard Nudo (of the Three Nudos), and Major Caspar Nowak, the diminutive partner of Tom Waters, comedian pianist, were made members of the Theatrical Mechanics' Association at Buffalo, during their recent engagement with the World Beaters Co. in that city.

WILL T. WALKER writes: "I am now organizing a minstrel company, and will play around in Texas. It will be called Walker's Minstrels. My company will consist of twenty people, and will carry a small band."

BILLY TANN has just played twenty-four weeks over the Gramman and Edison circuits with his new act, *The Dancing Master*.

HATHAWAY and WALTON opened on the Polk circuit Nov. 16, with Sherry's new vaudeville theatre, New Bedford, Mass., to follow.

SIDNEY ALI BEN DUB's troupe of acrobats and oriental dancers opened last week at the Palace Museum Theatre, Minneapolis, Minn.

ALF WITTING writes: "After the closing of *The King of the Desert* Co., Nov. 9, we jumped to *Vendetta* Co., 10, and opened with the Wilbur Mack Co. Quick work, and *The Clipper* did the business."

TRIP TRIPLETT, the "Silly Kid" and rule comedian, closed a successful season with the Haag Show Nov. 1, and will spend the Winter at Vendetta, Mass.

FRED CARROLL, of the Carroll Troupe, has joined the Prentice Trio.

GEORGE A. CLIFFORD, eccentric monologue and singing comedian, played a week at Austin & Stone's, Boston, recently, and is now on the tour to follow. He has signed with Smith, Blanchard, Macky & Clark's Minstrels for next season, under canvas.

MAUDE DEL MONTE, MARGE LE ROY and ELIZABETH CHAYNE inform us that they will soon produce an elaborately costumed and refined sketch.

HARRY EAKER has been on the Pacific coast since June last, presenting his musical specialty through Washington, Oregon and California, and reports meeting with success. He is booked at Denver for four weeks, after which he will return East.

JOSEPH COONEY, lyric tenor, of Frank Adams' Minstrel Phantasma, has recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, and has returned to York, Pa. He has signed with the American Tableau Co., to feature illustrated songs.

CHAS. H. KINGSLAND and CO., presenting the one act playlet, *An Interrupted Trip*, report fine success. The finish of the act, which comes at an unexpected moment, their claim to be the finest stage picture ever seen. Mr. Kingsland is supported by Frank W. De White, Amber Willis and Billy Chessell.

CARL CAMERON, trap drummer, rejoined the W. H. West Minstrels in San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 10.

NOTES FROM J. J. DASHINGTON'S BIG COMEDY CO. We opened our opera house season Nov. 9, at Buffalo, La., to big business, and we look for a prosperous season. The roster of the company, proprietor and manager; Billy and Eva McGillock, singers, dancers and novelty sketch; Mrs. J. J. Dashington, contortionist and acrobat; Girdler Bros., acrobats, grotesque dancers and comedians; Roy Dashington, pianist and ballad singer, and Baby Dashington.

AL. G. FIELD NOTES. The company has been doing almost daily the past few weeks on duck and quail. There is not a day that some members of the company are in the field, and on the water. The best day's work of the season was at Corsicana, where more than fifty ducks were brought down in the short space of two hours. Mr. Field led the score with nineteen. Burt Cutler was second with fifteen. The company is booked up to the end of the season, and will be in the field again on the 12th, which began with the opening, Aug. 12, has continued to date. The company will lay off at Columbus, O., the week immediately preceding Christmas. Every member of the company is looking forward with anticipations of a prosperous season.

J. S. ROLAND, bass of the "Mr. Pipp" Co., will close with that company in Toledo, Nov. 28, and join the Empire Comedy Four, with Frank B. Carr's Thoroughbreds Co., for remainder of the season.

L. F. FRONCEY, HARVEY of the team of Ely and Harvey, is in the New York Hospital, this city, to undergo a surgical operation. The team will open on the Proctor circuit Dec. 7, and they are booked solid until September, 1904.

MILBRED and BOUTLER NOTES. Business since our opening has been extra good, and with one or two exceptions we have had packed houses nightly. We are routed direct South, and have all time filled until February, when we jump North again to finish our season. We carry thirty-two people, and our street parade is especially strong. Kilmura's Japanese Troupe is a big feature in this part of the country.

NOTES FROM LEWIS & DELMORE'S BRILLIANT TRIO. The following Minstrelers, N. H., at the Casino Theatre, were treated to a pleasant surprise in the way of a wedding. The parties concerned were Sig. Eder, the one legged bar, ring and burlesque roller skater, and Ma Taylor, of the same company, who are soon to be married. They are on the stage of the theatre. After the performance the company adjourned to the Belmont House, where a supper was served by the proprietor, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all until daylight. Those present were: Sig. Eder, Ma Taylor, Lewis and Delmore, Gaffney and Grant, Nellie Morton, Hughie Flaherty, Charles Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, Fred Bowen, Wood and Betty, Fred Smith and several others.

R. R. ZARANOS, who with wife was formerly with the Hesse, of the Hesse Sisters, are with Wilson's Big Co., and report success.

WARREN and HOWARD have joined the Emma Bunting Co., and are successfully presenting their different specialties between the acts.

BEANSTED DUPRE will leave Buffalo for New York to have her throat operated upon, and will return the show week of Dec. 7.

UTOPIAN NOTES. Continued success seems to follow T. W. Dinkins' Utopians. The show cannot complain of a single bad week in the season. It has been one, and it has everywhere given satisfaction. The big net, *"A Vagabond Hero"*, is a drama in itself. The entire company takes part in this piece, headed by Geo. H. Alexander.

WILLIE and EDITH HART write: "We are still making good in our refined singing and dancing act."

JACK DAVIS has resigned from the Dot Carroll Co., and will play dates.

VESTA TILLEY has signed with Percy Williams in Brooklyn, Nov. 30, for two weeks.

WATKINS and RUTLAND, who are known as Watkies and Rutland, are in their fourth week with the Mildred & Rutland Co., and report meeting with success. Sherwood and Fox also appear as song illustrators with this company.

JOHN J. MACK JR. has joined W. S. Dickinson, and the team will be known as Mack and Dickinson, presenting their new act, by Mr. Mack, "Couldn't Get Here Any Sooner." They have forty-eight weeks solid with Osburn's Dramatic Co. through the South.

ON account of the illness of Lilla Thomas, Nov. 18, Purcell and Brooks played two performances at Hyde & Rehman's, Brooklyn, with Sunday night and week to follow.

MAY MOORE DUPRE writes from Johannesburg, S. A.: "I made my debut on Oct. 12, at the Empire Theatre here, scored a big success and became a favorite right from the start. The audiences out here are supposed to be rather cold and unappreciative, but I am pleased to say I have found them to be just the opposite. My act is a sensation in South Africa. I remain here six weeks, then go on to Cape Town for a six weeks' engagement, returning to London, Eng., on Jan. 7, to fulfill a month's engagement at the Lyric and other halls, then I am off with my mother to Australia for a six months' tour, returning to New York by way of San Francisco. That will bring us home about October of next year. We had a very rough voyage out here, coming from England. We hope for a better trip when we return to England in January next. Best wishes to all friends in dear old America."

MAY RUSSELL, who closed a successful engagement Nov. 2, at the Howard Theatre, Boston, Mass., has been re-engaged for week of Dec. 1.

JAMES E. CARROLL has joined Beach & Bowers' Minstrels.

DELMORE and WILSON write from Cape Town, South Africa, that they are meeting with success.

BETTY MARTEL has added a rifle made for her by the Martin Arms Co., of New Haven, Conn., to be used in her rifle shooting act, assisting M. A. Aker, in his comedy shooting act.

GRACE FRANCIS CHRISTIE, having recovered from her illness, Chemist & Christie's Elite Vaudeville, after rehearsing in Baltimore, will open at Port Deposit, Md., Nov. 30, with a Southern tour to follow.

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NOTES FROM THE STEWART FAMILY SHOW. Cap. Stewart, manager. Mr. Stewart has sold his No. 2 Show, also his car, and next season he will go back to wagons again, opening at Fort Wayne, Ind., about May 1.

We will use a 60x100 foot big top, a 30x60 foot horse tent, a 20x30 foot cook tent, and a 20x30 foot dressing tent. We will have four baggage wagons, one ticket wagon, two carryalls, two one seated buggies, one bill wagon, two clown carts, and twenty people, all told, including small band. We will use eight lengths of blue seats and six lengths of reserved seats, and will tour our old territory, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

We expect to open about the first of May. The *Clippers*, magicians, closed a successful tour of eight weeks through New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Nov. 19. They reopen 30, for the season, under the direction of the American Lyceum Union.

MANAGER JAKE ROSENTHAL writes: "The *Clippers* show, under my management, closed a very successful season last week, and is now in winter quarters at Chicago. We will open early in May with an entire new outfit, now being built. *Clippers* Beckwith has gone to Boston. *Clippers* Beckwith, the story, one of the best here as closely as possible to the life of the poet. Frederick Lewis will impersonate Poe."

NOTES FROM "The Montana Outlaw" Co. We played Jackson, Mich., Oct. 29, and Warden Vincent, of the Jackson State Prison, arranged with us to give an entertainment for the prisoners out on the prison. At 4 o'clock p. m. the prisoners were let out in the yard, and the *Clippers* Bros. Kid and Jim, of our company, gave an exhibition of horse riding, after which all the prisoners were let out of the chapel, and a vaudeville performance was given by *Clippers* G. and Alice McDowell, Chas. F. Lawton, Teddie Roberts, Willard Rowe, Hugh Cannon, Pearl Marney, Helene L. Ward and Al. Park.

We gladdened the hearts of 700 prisoners, and the show furnished carriages for the company to get back to the theatre in time to give our show, where we had a packed house to greet us.

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W. R. Burt, who is staging the production for the Mamie Fleming Co., writes: "This is the right way of doing the best of business. Virden and Dunlap are making a success in their new novelty, "Ching-a-ling-a-lou." The Brownies are dancing their way into the good graces of everybody. C. Lea Berger, in the title role, is making many friends. Mr. Virden is very proud of his company. When at "Parson" Kan., we were royally entertained by the house manager, C. Carroll."

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—Harry Lindley writes: "I finished my season at Niagara Falls, having toured from California to Canada. I shall add to the company, and now jump from Niagara Falls to Delaware and on south, through Maryland and Virginia. Little Mystic, the scolar feat, are, was handed fifty dollars in a magnificent bouquet at the Grand, London, Can., this week."

—Notes from the Ewing-Taylor Co.: This company, which for the past five seasons has toured the Southwest under the management of Albert Taylor, closed at McKinney, Tex., on Oct. 31. Manager Taylor at once engaged each member of the company (excepting Gerlie Ewing), and opened the tour of the Albert Taylor Stock Co., at Waxahatchie, Tex., on Nov. 2. Miss Ewing retired to her home in Kansas City. The roster of the Albert Taylor Stock Co. is as follows: Col. H. B. Marsh, Prof. Atkins Smith, Jack Voss, Sam J. Myers, Harry L. Compton, Fred Ellisworth, Verne Phelps, Clarence Oliver, Roy Cullenbine, Leo Dale Ingraham, Dora Phelps, Maude Chapman, Lillian Cullenbine, Claude Lewis and Albert Taylor. The season is looked solid through the Greenwall circuit of Southwest theatres.

—John C. Rice has been engaged by Wack & Fields for a leading part with Charles Bigelow, in "An English Dandy," and Sallie Cohen has also been engaged for the part of a slave in the play. Other members of the "Vivian's Pals" Company will be given parts in the new Leo Duffichstein play, "What's the Matter With You?"

—Lee Arthur, the playwright, who has been in a private hospital under treatment for pulmonary trouble, is now very much improved. He left the hospital last week.

—Carrie Noyes, who made her stage debut at Bay N. Y., on Nov. 6, in "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," in which she introduced her santon smashing.

—Ben T. Dillon closed with the "Zig Zag Alley" Co. in Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 18, and joined Fischer's Stock Co. in San Francisco, Cal., as character comedian.

—Notes from Wiedemann's Big Show: Business so far this season has been the largest in the history of the show. We opened June 2nd and haven't had a losing week. Manager Wiedemann has been very busy this season he has ever carried, and the strongest line of plays. He has just secured "Tennessee's Pardner" from Arthur C. Aiken. Edward Ross, property man, accidentally shot himself in the right arm while out hunting at Houston, Wash. John Johnson recently joined, replacing Neil Tait. We are booked solid for two years on the coast.

—Carrie Perkins, character actress, has signed with George R. White to play Aunt Angelique, in "Sergeant Killy."

—Roster of the Lewis Co.: "A Fox Tramp" Co.; Charles Carter, proprietor; H. Stanley Lewis, manager; George F. Collier, Carroll Drew, A. C. Davis, John Curry, Chris H. Jacoby, William Brown, Bert M. Davis, Eugene Smith, Frank H. Hirsch, Ted D. Middelburg, E. J. Morgan, Morris, John Knorr, Kathryn Roth, Carrie Reynolds, Mattie Sweet, Blanche MacMahon, and the Videlles. Luke M. Deeds is advance representative, assisted by Bob Carter.

—Notes from Edwards' Stock Co.: Business has been excellent. We are now in new territory, and business is at the top notch. Sistersville, W. Va., fell in line, and gave us S. R. O. three nights, as did St. Marys, W. Va. The Great Marquette, European gymnasts, John Nov. 30, to strengthen the vaudeville forces for the remainder of the season.

—Notes from the Paige Comedy Co.: We are in our fourteenth week and doing nicely. Have broken four records this season, the last one being at Wilmington, N. C., where we had the largest attendance in the history of the Academy of Music and the S. R. O. sign was out when the doors opened. We carry fourteen people, a car load of scenery, all special paper, and four vaudeville features, and are booked solid until after the holidays, when we will commence to play four nights a week. Last week the local manager, Mr. Privett, presented each member of the company with a handsome souvenir in the shape of a silver pin tray. We are all enjoying good health and the clipper RELIABLE is eagerly sought after every week.

—T. V. Stock, manager of the Fiske Stock Co., was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain by the members of the company during the engagement at the Cummings Theatre, at Fitchburg, Mass. Mr. Stock was called back on the stage just before the last act, and while the company gathered around, congratulating and wishing him many returns of his anniversary, the curtain was suddenly rung up and the audience taken into the surprise and presentation. Mr. Stock presented the token in a neatly worded speech, and Mr. Stock, although somewhat "rattled," responded in a manner showing his appreciation. A banquet followed the evening performance.

—Purtsmouth, O., a birthday party was tendered to the company by the proprietor and owner of the Howard House. A large table was placed across the stage, with seventy-five places. All good things that the market afforded were in evidence, and the large number of guests partook of a hearty repast. Mr. Howard presented the company with some gifts during the evening, and in response to the heavy demands brought upon him for a speech, delivered a very entertaining talk, thanking the many friends that surrounded him.

—Augustus D. Wilks has been engaged by Graham T. Vincent, to act the title role in "A Boy of the Streets."

—Notes from the Marie Dale Co.: After a week of one week we resumed our tour, opening under the management of Harry Ewing, who has been manager of the Curtiss Comedy Co. for the past three seasons, and is one of the best known theatrical managers in the South. When we were forced to cancel our bookings in Texas on account of the yellow fever scare at San Antonio, where we were booked at the Empire, Ewing began to secure time in the two Territories, and in less than ten days he has been offered enough time, at the first class houses, to keep the company going until late in the Spring. We are now playing three nights a week, and carry a company of ten people, with Mr. Ewing and Meyer Mitten, both in advance, with several trunks filled with up to date printing. Miss Dale is making a hit in the title role of the three act musical comedy, "The Little Widow." The new arrivals are: Minnie Louise Ferguson, Victor Giffard, May Roberts and the wonderful child, Baby Day. Olive Oretta is receiving praise for musical selections between the acts.

—Chas. De Vaux Sorenson and Arthur Winston Johnson will open their season in the society play, "The Tie That Binds." The roster of the company will be: Arthur Sorenson, stage manager; Milton J. Howell, electrician; Frank H. Hirsch, stage carpenter; J. C. Hill, advance agent; Arthur Pearson, J. Enig, W. H. Woodward, D. C. Miller, Margaret Love, Marie Barthome, Minnie McMillan and Severn and Mrs. J. Schmitt. The company will open at the Auditorium, Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 8. They will then journey Eastward, and have a date in New York beginning Jan. 1, 1904.

—The New Giltzer Theatre, at Norwalk, Conn., was opened to the public on Nov. 7, by the Whitney Opera Co., producing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

—Mr. and Mrs. Warren Caterton joined "The Two Little Widows" Co. at Dallas, Tex. George D. Johnson has joined Hubert Landis, "Louisiana" Co., as business representative.

—Mrs. Clinton D. Williams, wife of the noted showman, died at Adrian, Mich., on Nov. 3.

—Notes from Mack & Armour's Co.: We are in our twelfth week of the present season, and business has been entirely satisfactory. Our show has made a good reputation, and managers are offering us time for return visits next year, which is proof that they are satisfied. The newspapers in every city have praised our company and performance, and that is another point in our favor. We have added another special act, the Lyceum Quartet, which is making a big hit, and improves our already strong list of specialties.

—Manager Stephen, from Calcutta, in far away India, sends an account of the entire refitting and refurbishing of his Theatre Royal in Calcutta.

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—Notes from the "Casey's Honeycomb" Co.: Notes: We are in our fifth week, business has been good, and we are giving the best of satisfaction in every town we play. The company includes: Tom J. Fanning, Joe Kennedy, J. W. Kelley, A. O. May, in Miles, Geo. Fuller, Mae Fuller, Billy La Roy, Chas. Emerson, Frank K. Emerson, Eva La Mont and Jessie Moore. J. W. Kelley is proprietor; Tom J. Fanning, business manager; Joe Kennedy, stage manager; Ed. Primrose, master of properties; Chas. Hoffman, advance agent; Geo. Fuller, musical director.

—Beaumont Arrows, who is playing the leading subordinate role with the Holden Bros. "Denver Express" Co., is in her twelfth week with the company.

—Harry S. Sargent closed a twelve weeks' engagement with the Davidson Stock Co. on Nov. 14.

—Will C. Sites closed a nineteen weeks' engagement as agent for the Arnold Stock Co. in Palestine, Tex.

—H. W. Taylor, manager of the Cook Church Stock Co., closed a successful season for his company in the New England States. Mabel R. Griffith, leading lady of the company, is making a most favorable impression. After Dec. 15 the company will play the West.

—Charles D. Wilson, manager of Ward & Vokes' "A Pair of Finks" Co., writes: "We are doing great business and meeting with success everywhere. On Sunday, Nov. 8, at Kansas City, Mo., we broke the record here for a Sunday opening." Manager C. E. Callahan reports excellent business with "Slaves of the Alamo" and "Romance of Coon Hollow" in Illinois and Indiana. In Peoria "Slaves" broke the record for Sunday business to date, and was followed by "Coon Hollow" every night. In Springfield, Ill., "Slaves" also made the Sunday record to date. L. J. Slewin joined "Slaves" in South Bend, as advance agent, replacing N. Wagner, resigned. "Coon Hollow" has not made a change this season.

—Notes from the "Hearts of the Ozarks" Co.: The show is now playing to capacity, and many return dates are offered. The following is the complete roster: H. W. Holstern, treasurer; J. H. Dolbins, H. Rogers, H. S. Morgan, C. Geo. Hamilton, stage director; Joe Ransom, C. W. Perrin, Col. Geo. Hamilton, Theo. H. Harnes, H. W. Mitchell, E. A. Jones, Frank Rogers, P. H. Howell, F. O. Ogert, Arnold H. Nockolls, Morgan, W. H. Holstern, Edna Daniels, Florence White, Virginia Harris and Bessie F. Morgan.

—"Fair Her Sake" Co. Notes: We have this season the strongest cast that has appeared in "Fair Her Sake." Have replaced Chas. Lindholm and Florence Coleman, Edwin Scribner and Margaret Bower are now seen in the leading roles. Roster is as follows: Joseph Philgrim, manager; Chas. Lindholm, C. Fairbridge, in advance; Frank Sewell, stage carpenter; Edwin Scribner, J. Nell McLeod, Billy Marble, Chas. J. Lammars, Jas. G. Faussett, Edwin Butz, Frank Benedict, Margaret Bower, Mrs. Ella Marble and Estelle Seaver.

—James Leslie, Prof. Lucie De Carie, and the Wilcox Sisters joined Willis' Musical Comedy Co. at Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 6. Business was brought to a sudden close on account of the yellow fever scare at San Antonio, where we were booked at the Empire. Manager Harry Ewing has secured some excellent time in the Territories, and after laying off for one week the company has just received three new plays, which will be presented with a superb cast. Minnie Louise Ferguson joined at Hillsboro, and the company starts out in first class order. A complete new assortment of plays will be used, and one of the new four page heralds, ever seen will be the agent's pride. The advance work will be looked after by Manager Harry Ewing and Meyer Mitten, who will carry four new bill trunks filled with the best of the best.

—Hettie Bernard and Harold E. Cornell resigned from the "Caught in the Web" Co. on Oct. 3, while at Petoskey, Mich. Mr. Cornell is with the Players' Stock Co. at the Bush Temple, Chicago, and Miss Bernard is visiting her mother.

—Fred Raymond's "Missouri Girl" (East ern) Notes: We finished an eight weeks' tour of Michigan, one night stands, at Ypsilanti, Oct. 31, and jumped to Lockport, N. Y., where our Eastern trip, which embraces all the prominent one and three night stands of New York and New England, was inaugurated. The show played to a remarkable business in Michigan, having but four losing nights. The company will invade mostly all new territory for the remainder of the season. Mr. J. Singer is managing, and E. E. Meredith, with two assistants, is in advance.

—Notes and Route from "A Wise Count" Co.: We are still living, after severe weather and many other hard rains. David Bryan joined the company Oct. 29. The show has improved nicely so far, and our brass band concerts are a hit every evening. The street parade has a great drawing power, as Manager Lord E. A. Benton dresses every person in the parade. We leave New Jersey for the States of Delaware and Maryland.

—Victory Bateman has been engaged to create the part of Lady Barrington, in "The Desperate Lord Barrington," which will be produced under the management of Evelyn Giffard, at Havill's Theatre, St. Louis, on Dec. 27. It is an emotional part, and will be especially fitted to Miss Bateman. Florence Leslie has been engaged to play the ingenue, and Oscar Date will play the leading role.

—Water Montague's melodrama, "A Devil in Skirts," was successfully produced by Chas. L. Young in Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 12.

—H. A. Du Bois, manager of the Verna May Co., writes: "Business with us has been at the top notch all along the line. At Newark, O., we broke all records on the week for a repertory company. Gallion and Tiffin were also record breakers. We are having so many offers for return dates that we have decided to put out a No. 2 Co. to tour Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We have added 'The Break for Liberty' to our repertory, and it is one of the best possible drawing bills. The No. 2 Co. will be under the management of Howard Melville, while I shall manage the No. 1 Co. Our Monday night houses are always capacity, owing to our hustling agent, A. D. Tyne. H. Melville and myself were initiated in the Eagles at Lancaster, O., when we played there."

—F. E. Berquist, of Galesburg, Ill., has given a written notice of his acceptance of an option contained in his lease of the Auditorium Theatre, which will extend his lease for two additional years, carrying it to April 1, 1907.

—Anne Hamilton, who was re-engaged as leading woman in "The Minister's Son," has been seriously ill with typhoid fever for the past two months. She is now convalescing at her home in Detroit, Mich., and will return to the stage before the holidays, and will play the role of the bride.

—J. C. Hamilton, agent of Mason Bros. "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," writes: "We are doing continued good business. The show opened in its first Pennsylvania town at East Stroudsburg, Pa., on Nov. 12. The stage manager, and much credit is due this company for the way in which the production is staged. The entire cast has been carefully selected, and the result is one of the strongest. George Morgan, and never fails to draw applause. Little May Kreffer is a favorite as Mary Morgan, and up to date specialties are introduced between acts. A fine band parade is one of the firm's specialties, and have had a pleasant season. The mechanical effects lend to the beauty of the production."

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—H. D. Rucker Notes: After a three weeks' engagement at the People's Theatre at Evansville, Ind., Manager Rucker jumped with his entire company, numbering twenty-six people, to St. Louis, Mo. He chartered a sleeping car, and intended to open a Wagon engagement at the Auditorium, but on arrival found that the building was at the extreme side of the city, close to the cotton gin. The Auditorium was canceled, and the company opened at the Grand Theatre, in "East Lynne," Oct. 26. During our eleven days in the Grand we gave sixteen performances, in repertory, at popular prices, and did fairly well. Mr. Kuhn, the manager, is a really successful comedian, and a decided hit everywhere for his excellent rendition of good music. The stage performance is highly decorated by prices and public to be one of the best of his character, and causes the management to look toward this as a new season. A. Minnappelle, Kan., the performance was closed by a marriage of two members of the company, Isaac Nutt and Coni Havre. The roster includes: A. Leunhardt, J. A. Baxter, W. T. Moore, H. C. Parker, I. Scott, R. W. Austin, Frank Ed. Telford, J. C. Shoenfeld, C. C. Sonier, Geo. Porter, Coni Havre, Lilla Havre and Maude Troy.

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—Frederick Hoey and wife (Louise Potter) have closed with the Fisk Stock Co. to accept an engagement with Katherine Robert for the remainder of the season.

—Notes from Conroy & Mack's Comedians, who are touring New York, Col. Geo. Hamilton, Annapolis, Md., week of Nov. 9, to S. R. O., nightly, and at the prices, 15 cents to 50 cents; the week's receipts were double those of any week's business done in the old days. The new firm has engaged the Phil Fisher Enterprises has three companies now in preparation to take the road the latter part of this month, namely: "Across the Rockies," "The Power of the Cross" and "Widow Nolan" in executive staff: Frank H. Bernard, general manager; Abe Leavitt and Harry Buckley, "Across the Rockies" and "The Power of the Cross" were both secured by Mr. Fisher from Rush & Wells.

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—"Uncle Josh Spruence" Co. (Western) Notes: Manager S. M. Lloyd was called home from Pendleton, Ore., Oct. 31, on account of the death of his mother at De Witt, Ill. The business of this company this season has been something phenomenal, and, taking everything into consideration, we are extremely lucky. We have been sandwiched in between the "big ones" all season, and still our business has been far above our expectations. We carry twenty people, with the finest band and orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Robt. Zierke and Prof. Frank C. Lattenberger, respectively, are the talk of every town we visit. We expect to remain out until April 1. While the Old Reliable is a late in reaching us usually, it is a most welcome visitor, and we all look forward to its arrival anxiously.

—Notes from Fonda & Robertson's Co. of Fun Makers: We closed Oct. 25, for three weeks, having been four weeks, playing through New York, Vermont and Canada. Roster of company: Chas. S. Fonda, Dell Robertson, Frank Axtman, James Hunsley, Mue Fonda, Etta Robertson and Little Mascal Don. All are well and have had a pleasant season.

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—Frankie Partridge is with the Jere McAniff Stock Co., playing the subordinate roles and doing her specialty.

—L. C. Blair and West are with Al. W. Martin, Emerson, J. C. C. Co., Lou La Cha, playing Marks; Helen West, Ophelia, and also doing her specialty.

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COLUMBIA THEATRE (Lockett & Dwyer, managers).—Last week, Anna Held, in "Mam'zelle Napoleon," played to phenomenal business, crowding the house at every performance, and in some instances turning people away. This week, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," Fay Templeton, in "The Runaway," 30-Dec. 5.

LAFAYETTE OPERA HOUSE (Ira J. La Motte, manager).—Last week the first of a series of anti-syndicate attractions held the boards. "Maria, of the Lowlands," a powerful drama, splendidly produced and acted, advanced prices prevailed, and the house was crowded at each performance. This week, commencing 25, David Belasco produces, for the first time on any stage, his new play, "Sweet Kitty Bellairs," founded on Egerton (Cassidy) book "The Bathing Beauty," with Henrietta Crossman in the title role, Mrs. Pike, in "Mary of Magdala," and "Hedda Gabler," 30-Dec. 5.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC (J. W. Lyons, manager).—Last week Joseph Santley, in "From Rags to Riches," attracted full houses, and gave the best of satisfaction. This week, "The Fatal Wedding," "The Little Walrus," 30-Dec. 5.

CHAMBER THEATRE (Miss H. Winifred De Witt, manager).—Last week the usual fine vaudeville bill was presented, and at each of the twice a day performances capacity audiences ruled. This week: James J. Morton, La Basque Quartet, Anna Caldwell, Al. Lawson and Francis Naron, Raymond Finlay and Lotta Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher, Watson, Hutchings and Edwards company, and the vaudeville, Fanny Rice, Will M. Cressy, Blanche Daynes, McMahon's Watermelon Girls, etc., 30-Dec. 5.

EMPIRE THEATRE (E. J. Buckley, manager).—Last week "The Musical Comedy," pleased the patrons of this cozy little house, and business was excellent. This week, "The Little Church Around the Corner," "The Scout's Revenge," 30-Dec. 5.

LYCET THEATRE (Eugene Kernan, manager).—Last week the Imperial Burlesque made good and backed the house at every performance. This week, Merry Maidens, Rose-Sydel's London Belles 30-Dec. 5.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans.—Tulane Theatre (W. H. Rowles, manager).—"The Silver Slipper" opened Nov. 15, to an S. O. house, and a splendid week's business followed. The production caught on at once with the patrons of this high class house. The company is full of pretty girls, who know how to sing, dance and act. Shitz Edwards scored heavily as Henry Blumrich, Henrich, "A Chinese Honey-moon" is the bill for 22.

CRESCENT THEATRE (W. H. Rowles, manager).—"The Smart Set" had top heavy business week of 15, and pleased. The bill for 22 is Nat. M. Willis, presenting "A Son of Rest."

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (H. Greenwald, manager).—"The Baldwin-Melville Stock Co. presented 'The Sporting Duchess' week of 15, and played to a packed house, matinee and night, at the opening performances, while S. R. O. business predominated during the week. The stage settings were elaborate, and great credit is due scenic artist Louis F. Felt. "At Valley Forge" is billed for week of 22, with "The Parish Priest" 29.

FRENCH OPERA HOUSE (F. O. Harley, manager).—Large and fashionable audiences attended the performances of the Opera Co. week 15, and a most prosperous season is assured for Manager Harley.

ST. CHARLES ORPHEUM (Chas. E. Ray, manager).—"The vaudeville bill, week 16, drew good crowds, and pleased the lovers of high class vaudeville. Among those who scored big were: Foster and Foster, Fred Stuber, Arneson, Kelly and Violette, Carleton and Terrie, Jas. and Sadie Leonard, Charlie Vance, and Frederic Bond and Co. The bill for week of 23 includes: Paxton's art studios, Waterbury Bros. and Tommy, Maria and Aldo, Wosal and Kay, Alexis, Laredo and Blake, Frederic Bond and Co.

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NOVEMBER.—Leo Fardo, of the Fardo Family, is here, seriously ill at the Hotel Eden, and his life is despaired of. His wife and child, who are here with him, are badly in need. The local theatre managers have been helping the unfortunate performer along. Prof. E. E. Halford has returned from the Rice Floating Palace Shows. J. C. McLean was a Crescent City visitor during week of 15.

Shreveport.—Grand Opera House (Erich Bros., managers).—"When Reuben comes to Town" played a large audience, Nov. 14. Al. G. Field's Minstrels appeared, to house capacity, 15, 16. Alberta Gallatin, in "Ghosts," to good business, 17. "Arizona" came, to large attendance, 18. "Satania" 20, 21. "The Two Johns" 22. "Are You a Mason?" 24. Marie Walwright 26.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Wheeling.—At the Court Theatre (L. R. Franzheim, manager).—Sadie May, in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," Nov. 17, had a fair and appreciative audience. Mrs. Le Moyne, in "Lady Bernintha's Secret," 20. Last good business. Althea Holland, in "The Lily and the Peony," 21, had good business. "Counting" Viola Allen 23. "David Harum" 26. Elita Proctor 28.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Chas. A. Feindel, manager).—"One Night in June," 16-18, had fair business. "A Stain of Guilt," 19-21, drew well. Irene Myers Co. 23-28.

Sistersville.—Auditorium Theatre (A. R. Doyle, manager).—Helen Grant, in "In the Palace of the King," Nov. 13, had a good house, and gave a fine show. "The Parish Priest," 17, came to a well pleased house. Due: "Sweet Clover" 23. "Life's Mistake" 26. Howard-Borset Co. 30-Dec.

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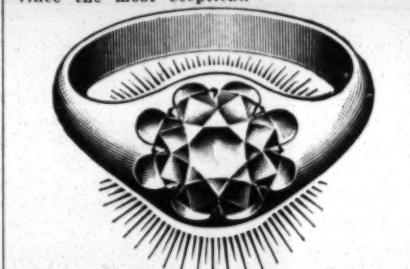
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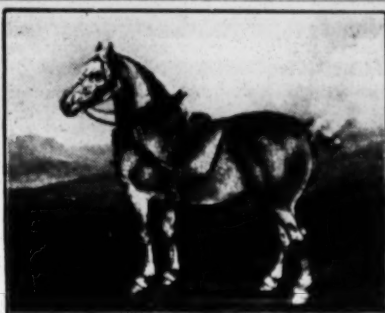
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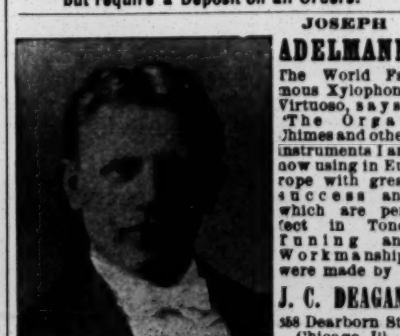
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